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Duncan calls on MPs to help Ontario

HAVE-NOT Stung by Ontario's plunge into "have-not" status, the provincial Liberal government is blaming MPs from all parties for not doing enough to help Canada's one-time economic titan.

"We have 106 federal members, we need to have them start standing up for Ontario," Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said yesterday, one day after the revelation that Ontario is now among Canada's poor provinces, qualifying for \$347 million in federal equalization handouts for the first time.

"We need a federal partner and we're not seeing that and we need people to start standing up for Ontario."

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America picks Obama

Democratic senator headed to White House after historic election

Election USA

Barack Obama completed a journey last night that had once been unthinkable, becoming the first African-American president in U.S. history and raising hopes this nation had entered a new, post-racial era.

The rookie U.S. senator from Illinois reshaped the American electoral map in his victory over Republican John McCain and stands poised to also redefine the way the world looks at this nation.

Record

• Even more history appeared to have been made yesterday with a voter turnout that eclipsed U.S. records.

A presidential bid first forged on the themes of hope and change — then carried home by a candidate who personified calm and cool — came 45 years after Martin Luther King told the world he had a dream.

Millions of African-Americans who had lived lives of oppression and discrimination in this country helped craft Obama's victory, joined by millions more across the racial spectrum who ultimately decided race could be no barrier to electing a president in 2008.

Early returns contained one important message last night — there was no indication Obama's race was a



President-elect Barack Obama gives his acceptance speech at Grant Park in Chicago yesterday. Obama held on to an early lead at the polls to win the historic presidential race.

defining issue in this election.

With the world watching intently, Obama appeared to seal his victory with easy wins in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the latter the one Democratic state in which McCain and his running mate, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, had chosen to make

their last stand in a 21-month campaign that sparked unprecedented passions in this nation.

Obama and McCain traded wins in states considered safe for their respective parties early last night, but the 47-year-old Obama threatened Republican dominance in three battleground

states — Virginia, North Carolina and Florida — in which he fought McCain, 72, evenly during the night.

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For more coverage on the American presidential election, check out metronews.ca/uselection

Tories look to shake 'Bush card'

CANADA The Liberal cheers, chants and hugs were utterly predictable. But the relative optimism of Canadian Conservatives in the face of a Barack Obama win was slightly less so.

A crowd of Liberals crammed yesterday into a pub near Parliament Hill to cheer on the Democrat.

But they predicted several benefits of the outcome for their arch-rival, Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

One prominent Liberal predicted the Democrat win would allow the Conservatives to shake the biggest albatross dogging them.

"We can't play the Bush card on them anymore."

The Liberals have used against Harper his support for the invasion of Iraq and the anti-Kyoto stance he shares with the White House incumbent.

For their part, Conservatives gathered at smaller events in Ottawa. But they were confident bashing-by-Bush would now end.

"Most (of us) are leaning towards Obama," one Conservative staffer said. "(But) I think for us ... either (one) is better than George W."

Harper congratulated Obama on his win last night and warned of the need to work together on the economy.

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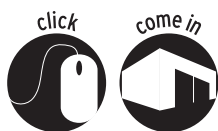
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Warm weather nears record

Sunny warm weather fell just short of breaking a record in the Greater Toronto Area yesterday but people out strolling, jogging and lolling didn't seem to mind. The mercury hit 17.5C at Pearson airport, shy of the 20.1C record set back in 1987. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Local

"We need cheerleaders, we need people to highlight it and promote it."

Peter Love, Ontario's chief energy conservation officer, speaking about the need to hire people to help curb rising energy use.



Energy use

In his annual report Love said the municipal conservation programs he recommended last year have worked with 12 cities hiring energy use 'champions.'

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Party rages for Obama

T.O. bars filled for election

It was like a political Super Bowl party with everyone cheering for the winning team. Obama's team won.

The beer was flowing and the noise level was high at the Democrats Abroad party in Toronto last night — and each time CNN announced Barack Obama had won another state, the crowd roared, fists in the air.

"This is such an emotional experience," said Martin Samuels, one of the announcers at the event. "I was in a restaurant downtown today and for the first time ever, 10 people just started talking to each other about Obama. I got chills. It's a beautiful thing."

"It's like Christmas," said Pat Chastang who attended the victory party at the Plaza Flamingo nightclub at College and Bathurst streets with NDP MPP Peter Tabuns. Chastang said

she is only sad she wasn't in Los Angeles with her brothers and sisters to experience the campaign.

"People are so excited because it's an African-American man but it is more than that," Chastang said. "It represents that we can aspire to things that we want to without being held back because of our colour."

Down at the Lone Star Texas Grill on Front Street, some 50 Republican expatriates had gathered to watch the U.S. election returns. Admitting it would be "an exciting race," Republicans Abroad chair Mark Feigenbaum, a Toronto tax lawyer, refused to believe in an Obama "landslide like some of the polls are predicting." But as the night wore on, for Republicans, that belief faded. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Martin Samuels



RCMP Superintendent Ron Allen examines one of 81 cartons in which more than \$8 million worth of heroin was shipped from Pakistan to Toronto within the corrugated sides of cardboard boxes filled with towels.

RCMP find \$8M in heroin

DRUGS The Mounties have intercepted a shipment of heroin from Pakistan that could have been worth more than \$8 million on the streets of Toronto and Vancouver.

RCMP Supt. Ron Allen said yesterday the drugs were seized late last month after Canadian border service investigators in

Halifax detected 81 boxes with heroin among a shipment of 430 cartons filled with striped towels headed for Toronto.

Allen said the nearly 28 kilograms of heroin could have been divided into 270,000 individual units or doses, each with a street value of \$30.

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Arrests

• Four men — three from the GTA and one from British Columbia — were arrested.

City pledges ban on java cups in 2009

PLASTIC Who's tougher: Tim Hortons, or the City of Toronto? The city says it will ban coffee shops and restaurants from selling java in paper cups with plastic lids by the end of 2009, because recyclers don't want mixed paper and plastic.

Tim Hortons executive Nick Javor says the company is "incredibly dismayed" with that position, and will try to change the city's mind.

The tempest in the coffee cup erupted as city staff unveiled their report on "in-store packaging": items such as takeout food and drink containers, and plastic bags, added by restaurants and retailers rather than manufacturers.

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News in brief

UNITED WAY It's the hottest ticket of the season and one socially conscious young professionals are snapping up. No question the annual Rouge Masquerade Ball is the place to see and be seen, but there's more to the gala than being on the A-list. United Way Toronto GenNext, host of the event, says a \$35 ticket provides one week of community dinners for a person living with mental health issues.

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Street signs recognize war heroes

RENAMED For Frank Seminoff, it's a fitting tribute to two of his brothers.

Nearly 70 years ago, they went off to fight a war in a faraway land, never to return, but yesterday Toronto named a street after Edward and Leonard in a new subdivision, not far from the Scarborough neighbourhood where they grew up.

"I'd like to thank the city for the recognition," said a visibly moved Seminoff, 76, at a street-sign unveiling ceremony yesterday. "This honour is accepted in remembrance of ... my dear brothers Edward and Leonard, who sacrificed their lives in World War II, for the freedom we have today."

Seminoff Street is one of 14 streets planned in the area north and south of St. Clair Avenue whose names will honour 17 young men killed during World War II. Several were brothers.

Also unveiled yesterday was Oates Drive, named in honour of Raymond Oates, another local man killed in the war. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bay Street crash injures 3

Driver in TTC car suffered 'medical episode,' rep says

Pedestrians scattered like bowling pins yesterday, as the driver of a TTC-owned car careened across Bay Street, mounting curbs, rear-ending cars and accelerating into a crowd of frightened gawkers.

Shards of glass, hubcaps and slices of bumper flew through the air as the driver, a middle-aged woman, ploughed across four lanes of College Street traffic. In what seemed like a freakish joyride, she sped along a busy sidewalk, finally coming to rest on Grenville Street.

"I'm in shock," pedestrian Katherine Stoddard said. "We're so lucky to be alive."

The seemingly out-of-control car struck four vehicles, including a taxicab, which rear-ended a Honda. Later, the car upended a bike rack. At least three people went to hospital on stretchers. Police said they

all suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Moments after the incident, a crowd gathered where the car, marked "TTC" and "supervisor," had crashed into a concrete guardrail delineating a construction site from the roadway.

The driver, TTC officials said last night, is a mail-room employee who was using the car to transport mail between offices. The white Impala is an older vehicle, officials said, and was no longer being used by a supervisor.

The car's airbags deployed. The hood was crumpled and the engine mangled.

The driver had suffered a "medical episode," TTC spokesperson Brad Ross said. "She lost consciousness and that's how the accident occurred."

No charges have been laid, he said.

"We're so lucky to be alive."

Katherine Stoddard



Bent bikes at the scene of a crash at Bay Street just north of College yesterday, where several people were injured.

Toronto AG raps city for allowing sick-day abuse

MANAGERS City of Toronto managers aren't doing enough to control unwarranted absenteeism, and appear to be letting workers use up sick time before retiring, city Auditor General Jeff Griffiths said in a report.

Unionized civic workers are eligible for six months' pay when they leave if they have accumulated at least 260 unused sick days.

"Abuse ... of sick leave can occur when an employee takes unwarranted sick leave with the intention of drawing down the portion of their accumulated sick pay bank in excess of 260 days," Griffiths said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

News in brief

YORK York University could be facing a strike tomorrow that would cancel classes for undergraduates. The Canadian Union of Public Employees will decide tonight whether to walk off the job at midnight, rejecting an offer of a 9.25 per cent increase over three years for 3,350 contract faculty, teaching assistants and graduate researchers. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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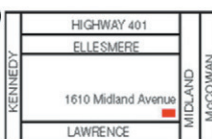


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A man has been charged with arson after a building near Dundas Street West and Scarlett Road was set on fire on Monday. The suspect lit an object and tried to place the object into an open window of a business. Kevin Bell, 39, of no fixed address, was charged with arson and breach of probation. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Creba witness faces intense cross

A drug dealer injured in the Boxing Day shootout that killed schoolgirl Jane Creba has denied repeated suggestions that he accompanied the gunman believed to have fired the fatal bullet.

Under intense questioning from both Crown and defence yesterday, Milan Mijatovic insisted he was shopping alone at Yonge Street's Foot Locker store on Dec. 26, 2005 and was

Charges

• Grill's client, identified only as J.S.R. because he was a youth when the 15-year-old Riverdale Collegiate student was killed, has pleaded not

guilty to one count of second-degree murder in her death, to five weapons charges and to six counts of attempting to murder six people.

shot in the leg after he started walking south toward the Eaton Centre.

But Gary Grill, lawyer for a 20-year-old man accused of second-degree murder

in Creba's death, suggested Mijatovic was the white man identified as being in front of the Foot Locker's doors with Jeremiah Valentine, when the shooting

started.

Grill suggested that Valentine shot the fatal bullet.

"You were right at the door, weren't you? Mr. Valentine was right next to you when you got shot?" Grill asked.

"No, I was by myself," Mijatovic replied. "When I got out of the Foot Locker, about three stores (away), that's when I got shot."

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Carolyn Matthews poses for a portrait at the Hilton Convention Centre in downtown Toronto yesterday.

An 'invisible disability'

BRAIN Carolyn Matthews would be stuck without sticky notes.

The 43-year-old needs reminders for appointments, time to drop off and pick-up her son or which stores to stop at when shopping.

Matthews has to scribble down everything — everything — or risk forgetting it.

She wasn't always this forgetful.

But nine years ago, when she was a detective with York Regional Police, she sustained brain injuries in a car crash, leaving her

with short-term memory loss.

"Brain injury survivors are mostly invisible and forgotten in our society yet are one of the most vulnerable populations," she told delegates at a conference organized by the Acquired Brain Injury Network at the Hilton yesterday. "I was lucky — many fall through

the cracks. We have to change that."

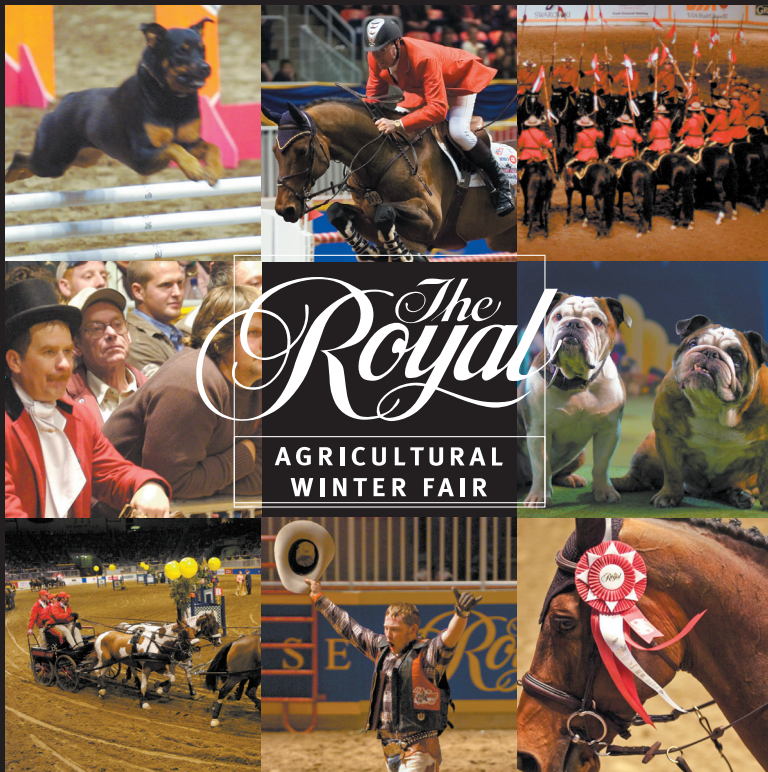
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• The conference is attempting to spread awareness about brain injuries.

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Trial raises issue of group sex among hockey teammates

HEARING Claims by one of David Frost's alleged victims that hockey players have group sex seems to have validity, although his assertion that it's a common form of team bonding is a matter of debate.

A former Canadian Hockey League executive and former major junior player say they've heard gossip about players engaging in group sex, but don't believe it's rampant in the sport.

"It's nowhere near as common as it was made out to be (at the trial)," said the former CHL executive speaking on condition of anonymity. "You hear the odd story... It's like a bonding thing with your friends or teammates."

Frost, the ex-coach of the now-defunct Ontario junior A Quinte Hawks, was on trial in Napanee, Ont., for four counts of sexual exploitation.

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Manley snuffs Liberal bid

Former deputy prime minister John Manley has ended speculation about a return to politics by declaring he will not enter the Liberal leadership race.

"I truly found that in my mind and heart, I have moved on from the world of elected office," Manley, 58, wrote in an email to friends and colleagues yesterday morning.

"I also found that I lacked the burning ambi-

tion necessary to mount and sustain such a campaign."

The former minister of finance and foreign affairs under Jean Chrétien expressed similar feelings to reporters in Ottawa last week when he was still thinking about joining the race. He said then he had heard from people across the country who would have liked him to enter the race but had no strong desire to leave his life as a

lawyer and replace outgoing leader Stéphane Dion.

"Many have appealed to my sense of duty and commitment to public service," he wrote.

"So, for a few days I have 'tried on' my old uniform, and made an effort to think again as an active, partisan combatant in the political wars."

Manley, who was deputy prime minister under Chrétien, bowed out of the 2003 leadership race when

it became clear Martin would win.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The contenders

- Liberal MPs Bob Rae and Dominic LeBlanc have announced their intentions to declare. Deputy leader Michael Ignatieff and former justice minister Martin Cauchon are also expected to join the race.

Quebec police arrest 19 in tax fraud scheme

RAIDS Quebec provincial police say a notary and four accountants are among those arrested in an alleged tax evasion scheme in the construction industry.

Capt. Donald Vallee told a news conference yesterday that 22 suspects were directly involved in false billing aimed at defrauding the Quebec government. "They will face charges of robbery, fraud, fabrication and use of forged documents and gangsterism," he said.

Vallee said that, as of yesterday, 19 people had been picked up during raids. About 175 police officers and 115 investigators from Revenue Quebec were involved in the arrests which took place mainly in the Montreal region.

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Vancouver Suzuki duo documents Europe



Environmentalist David Suzuki, who is a Metro columnist, and his youngest daughter, Sarika Cullis-Suzuki, pose for a photograph in Vancouver yesterday to promote The Suzuki Diaries, in which the pair travelled across Europe. Their documentary will air on CBC Nov. 16.

No one hurt as planes clip each other over Labrador

Two Twin Otter planes, one with 12 people aboard, collided with each other in the air yesterday as they were landing in a remote northern Labrador community.

Innu Mikun Airlines Flight 961, carrying 10 passengers and two crew,

was approaching the airstrip in Natuashish at about 9:45

a.m. local time when it was hit from behind by an Air Labrador cargo plane, said Innu Mikun spokesman Bob Halliday.

"It is very unusual for an airplane to be that close," Halliday said. "Our pilots reacted promptly and made a safe and uneventful landing and all the pas-

sengers deplaned safely."

But Philip Earle, Air Labrador's chief operating officer, said it was premature to say which plane hit the other.

"This incident is rare and obviously we're doing our own internal investigation to try

and determine how it happened," Earle said.

"We're a little bit in awe at how this happened today, moreover given the fact that it was a clear day."

There were two pilots aboard the cargo plane. No one aboard either flight was injured. It was clear and sunny at the time the two planes made contact.

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Quebec Premier Jean Charest is applauded by members of his caucus yesterday. Jean-Marc Fournier, left, will not seek re-election as Charest is expected to call an election today.

Que. gov't releases fiscal forecast ahead of election

As if to underscore his main message for an election he is expected to call today, Quebec Premier Jean Charest's government released a fiscal update that casts his team as sound economic managers in troubled times.

In what might be described as a fairly rosy economic and fiscal update, Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget yesterday assured Quebecers they would be deficit-free for at least the next two years, and announced a \$484 mil-

lion surplus achieved for 2007-2008 to add to the government's \$1.8 billion reserve.

Jerome-Forget announced slower growth as a result of the economic crisis that has shredded world financial markets.

But she unveiled programs worth \$249 million to help taxpayers and retirees weather the economic storm, which the Liberals will use as key platform planks in the election.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sisters stunned by sky-high bill

Even Godliness is no protection from a potentially huge property tax hike.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London, Ont., thought they were doing their part to reduce their carbon footprint when they moved into a state-of-the-art "green" home. But they could soon face a \$400,000 annual property tax bill on their smaller, energy-efficient building, says New Democratic Party MPP Michael Prue.

The sisters were reassessed based on an existing provincial law that says places of public worship are exempt from property

tax, but where a religious order prays and lives a life of religious devotion is not, Prue told the Legislature yesterday.

The finance minister, who was recently in London in pre-budget consultation, said he met with the sisters and he was unaware of their pending property assessment woes.

"Last year they donated \$250,000 to charity, they do good works — training and giving education to kids, poverty reduction.

What it literally means is there'll be no money for charity and they'll have to come up with another \$150,000," Prue said in an interview.

"My golly we go to high heights, don't we?"

A nun after learning her case went before Ontario Legislature

When contacted, the nuns were unaware their possible \$400,000 bill was brought up

in the Legislature yesterday morning. "My golly, we go to high heights don't we?" asked one sister who didn't wish to comment further.

The sisters spent \$13 million to buy and renovate a new, smaller headquarters in order to make it extremely energy efficient.

Had the nuns stayed in their old property, they would not be facing a possible property tax hike, said Prue. "But because the building was old, it could not be retrofitted and they have an environmental conscious as well and wanted to have a totally energy efficient building," he said.

"They may have to pay the price."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mounties in Taser death ordered to testify

INQUIRY Four RCMP officers waiting to hear whether they will face criminal charges in the death of Robert Dziekanski will be issued subpoenas compelling them to testify at a public inquiry.

The head of the commission, retired Justice Thomas Braidwood, said the delays have gone on long enough and he's not prepared to wait longer to

get a complete record of the Polish immigrant's death after he was Tasered at the Vancouver International Airport.

Braidwood announced yesterday that the commission's lawyers are preparing subpoenas for the officers involved ordering them to testify Jan. 19.

The RCMP had said its members were not going to participate in the in-

Taser death

- A video shot by a bystander showed Dziekanski falling to the floor, then held down by three officers.
- Widespread outrage and a public inquiry followed.

quiry until after a decision was made on charges.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Soldiers return to base after heavy combat

A small group of Canadian soldiers has finally returned to their base in Afghanistan after playing key roles in some of the heaviest fighting this fall.

Details are now starting to emerge about the part about 30 Canadians played in the battle for Lashkar Gah, the capital of nearby Helmand province that was threatened by the Taliban late last month.

"(The fighting) was quite intense," said Maj. Steve Nolan, who commanded one of the mentorship teams working with a kandak, or battalion, of Afghan National Army soldiers.

Taliban fighters began to mass around Lashkar Gah around Oct. 12.

"It turned into a combat mission right away."

Maj. Steve Nolan

Afghan Gen. Sher Muhammad Zazai has said hundreds of Taliban fighters were involved, attacking the city on three sides. Nolan's team and their kandak, normally based in Kandahar province, were mobilized and arrived in the embattled city the next day as insurgents were attacking police outposts.

"We pulled into Lashkar Gah in the dark and it turned into a combat mission right away," said Nolan. "As we were moving in, there was tracer fire moving over our convoy."

On Oct. 17, the Canadian-mentored kandak was ordered to clear a swath of territory five kilometres wide and 10 kilometres long into the nearby village of Aynak.

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Obama big winner in early New Hampshire towns' votes

Barack Obama came up a big winner in the presidential race in Dixville Notch (15 to six) and Hart's Location (17 to 10), N.H. — total 115 residents between them — where tradition of having the first Election Day ballots tallied lives on since 1948. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Election USA

No choice

A voter in Knox County, Ohio, reported to Slate.com that a touch-screen voting machine would only register votes for Ralph Nader.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Obama asks McCain for help

Spokesman says Democrat eager to 'sit down and talk' with rival

Barack Obama asked John McCain for his help in leading the country in a telephone call last night, moments after the Democratic senator was declared America's first black president.

Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama thanked McCain for his graciousness and told him he had waged a tough race.

"I need your help, you're a leader on so many important issues."

Barack Obama, quoted as telling McCain

"Senator Obama told Senator McCain he was consistently someone who has showed class and honour during this campaign as he has during his entire life in public service,"

Gibbs said in a statement. "Senator Obama said he was eager to sit down and talk about how the two of them can work together."

Gibbs quoted Obama as saying to McCain: "I need

your help, you're a leader on so many important issues"

President George W. Bush called Obama shortly after the Illinois senator hung up with McCain, and then Obama watched McCain's concession speech from his suite in the Hyatt Regency hotel, where he watched returns with his extended family and sen-

ior staff.

A few blocks away, a massive crowd in Grant Park that included celebrities Oprah Winfrey and Brad Pitt erupted into cheers to see their chosen candidate break the White House colour barrier. Audience members leapt into the air, waving American flags. Many shed tears.

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Democrats eye 20 more House seats

Democrats pushed toward ousting two Florida Republicans from the House yesterday and re-elected first-term incumbents once considered vulnerable as they hoped heavy voter turnout might add more than 20 seats to their majority.

As the first returns came in, Democrats were leading in races to topple nine Republicans and capture two open seats Republican legislators retired, while Republicans were ahead in just two races to unseat Democratic incumbents.

It could be the first time in more than 75 years that Democrats would ride large waves of victory to bigger congressional margins in back-to-back elections. In 2006, they won 30 seats in a surge powered by voter anger over the Iraq war.

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Democrats control Senate

Democrats have retained and expanded their control of the Senate, picking up at least four seats now held by Republicans.

Democrats, who now exercise slim 51-49 control of the chamber, have ousted incumbent Republican senators Elizabeth Dole in North Carolina and John Sununu in Hampshire.

They also have won two other seats held by retiring Republican senators in Virginia and New Mexico.

With 21 of 35 Senate races called, Democrats are now guaranteed at least a 52-28 majority, including two holdover independents who vote with Democrats.

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American people have spoken, McCain says

Republican John McCain conceded the presidential race to Barack Obama, saying the Democrat has achieved a "great thing" for himself and the country with his historic victory.

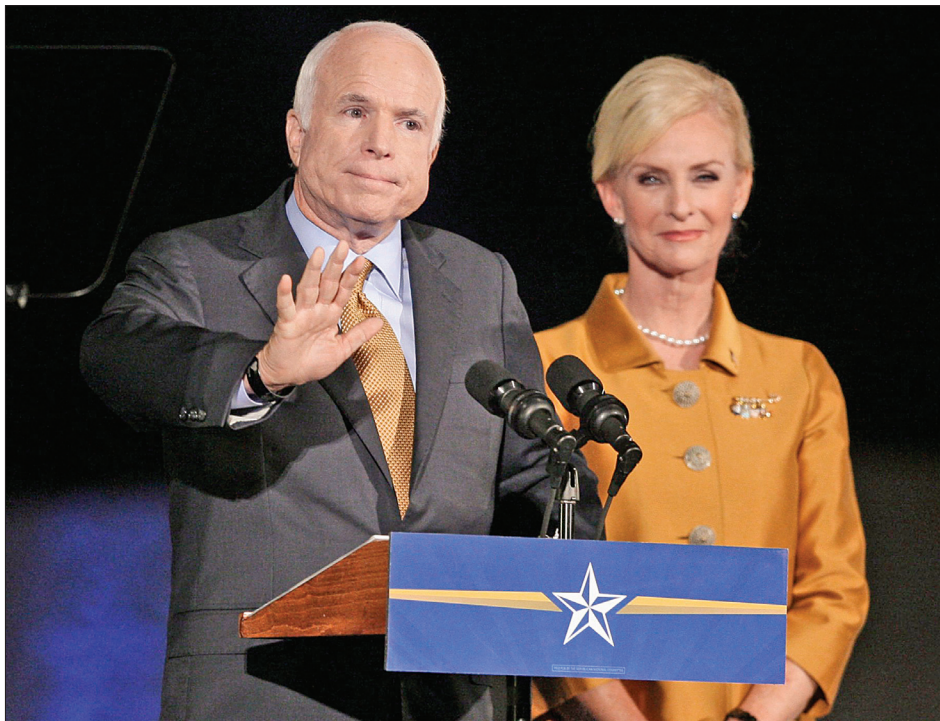
Flanked by wife Cindy and running-mate Sarah Palin, McCain spoke to supporters outside the Arizona Biltmore Hotel shortly, saying the "American people have spoken and they have spoken clearly."

He conceded the contest as polls closed on the West Coast, adding a string of states to Obama's electoral vote tally and sealing the Illinois senator's victory.

"Senator Obama has achieved a great thing for himself and for his country," McCain said.

Although McCain had criticized Obama during the hard-fought campaign as too inexperienced to be president, the Arizona senator said that "in a contest as long and as difficult as this campaign has been, his success alone commands my respect for his ability and perseverance."

"But that he managed to



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain is joined on stage by his wife, Cindy, during an election night rally in Phoenix, Ariz.

do so by inspiring the hopes of so many millions of Americans who had once wrongly believed that they had little at stake or little influence in the election of an American presi-

dent is something I deeply admire and commend him for achieving."

McCain told his supporters that it was natural "to feel some disappointment. Though we fell short, the

failure is mine, not yours."

"I don't know what more we could have done to win this election," McCain said. "I'll leave that to others to determine."

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'Awesome night', Bush tells Obama

WHITE HOUSE U.S. President George W. Bush called Barack Obama last night to congratulate him on winning the presidency.

The Republican president told the Illinois senator upon his historic win: "What an awesome night for you, your family and your supporters."

Bush promised Obama a smooth transition to the White House.

Bush spokeswoman Dana Perino said the president told Obama: "You are about to go on one of the great journeys of life. Congratulations and go enjoy yourself."

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News in brief

COURT ORDER Tim Robbins, 50, had to get a court order before he was allowed to cast his vote. The actor's name was missing from the registration rolls.

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Election USA



Buzz over 'change'

Obamamania grips world

Around the world, throngs packed plazas and pubs to savour the buzz around the U.S. election yesterday, many inspired by Barack Obama's promise of change amid a sense of relief that the White House is changing hands.

In Kenya, Obama's ancestral homeland, the atmosphere was electric with pride and excitement as people flocked to all-night parties to watch election results roll in.

"Tonight we are not going to sleep," said Valentine Wambi, 23, a student at the University of Nairobi who was joining hundreds of others at an election party. "It will be celebrations throughout."

Elsewhere, people were ready to bear witness to a moment of history that would reverberate well beyond American borders.

"America is electing a new president, but for the Germans, for Europeans, it is electing the next world leader," said Alexander Rahr, director of the Ger-

"Tonight we are not going to sleep. It will be celebrations throughout."

Kenyan student
Valentine Wambi

man Council on Foreign Relations.

The Irish village of Mon-eygall was also trying to claim Obama as a favourite son — based on research that concluded the candidate's great-great-great grandfather, Joseph Kearney, lived there before emigrating to the United States.

"We're not going to go mad with the drink," said Ollie Hayes, who runs the pub. "We just want to show Barack that we appreciate he's from here, to have some finger food and watch the early results."

McCain enjoyed a strong current of support in countries such as Israel, where he is perceived as tougher on Iran than Obama.

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Flying visit Palin returns to vote in Alaska



Republican vice-presidential candidate and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin votes yesterday at Wasilla City Hall in Wasilla, Alaska. Palin's stop in her snow-dusted home state, where her political career began, was brief — Palin and her husband Todd left for Arizona in about 4½ hours, where they spent election night with Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

Networks bow to history

After successive harrowing election nights in 2000 and 2004, there were no muffled calls by TV networks, no screwy exit polls, no real twists and turns — only the sense of history as Barack Obama became the first black man elected U.S. president.

When the polls closed in the West at 11 p.m. EST, The Associated Press sent a FLASH — "Obama wins presidency" — and the networks called the election, too, as their cameras panned cheering crowds, much like those at a World Series victory.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

JUNK FOOD An Associated Press breakdown of where money was spent as of Oct. 15 reveals that the Obama campaign spent \$2,500 US on Dunkin' Donuts, \$900 on Domino's Pizza, and \$2,200 on Starbucks. McCain's campaign spending on junk food is lighter in comparison: \$1,010 on Dunkin' Donuts, \$550 on Domino's Pizza, and \$1,810 on Starbucks.

CLOSE CALL Obama and his one-time acquaintance, 1960s radical activist William Ayers, nearly crossed paths yesterday at the voting booth. Ayers, whom the Republican party attempted to link to the Obama campaign, voted just a few minutes before Obama and his wife, Michelle, arrived at Chicago's Beulah Shoemith Elementary School to cast their votes. Ayers would not reveal how he voted. Odds he didn't vote for McCain: A billion to one.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

High turnout, glitches cause problems

BALLOTS Lines stretched around buildings and down city blocks as people waited hours to cast ballots in the historic presidential race between Barack Obama and John McCain. Some touch-screen machines briefly malfunctioned, but the country's election system seemed to run smoothly.

The biggest trouble was big crowds. But folks seemed to take it in stride. University students in Florida were prepared to wait hours after polls closed and massive lines remained.

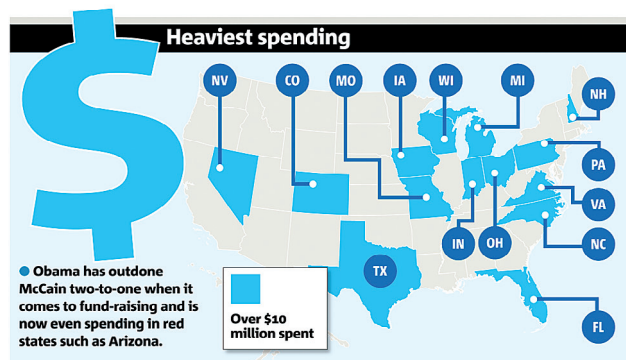
In Maryland, Senator Benjamin Cardin was heartened after visiting a polling precinct. "People are happy and smiling," he said. "People are very anxious to be voting. They really think they are part of history, and they are."

Early voting before election day, which drew record crowds in key battleground states, appeared to ease polling pressures yesterday. Despite long lines, polls in Ohio — which suffered delayed tallies in 2004 because of malfunctioning machines and huge crowds — closed without incident — or lawsuits.

In Pennsylvania, polls also closed with no apparent problems. Earlier yesterday, a judge dismissed an NAACP lawsuit that sought to force Philadelphia County elections officials to count emergency paper ballots past closing time.

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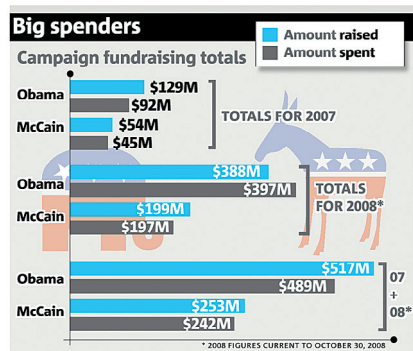
Obama led in dash for cash during campaign



NEW YORK. We new this was going to be an expensive election when Federal Election Commission officials argued that for any candidate to be taken seriously in the 2008 election, he or she would have to have raised at least \$100 million by the end of 2007.

Now, after candidates, particularly on the Democratic side, have continuously broken fundraising records, the combined amount raised and spent has broken the \$1 billion mark. Here's a look at who got what and where it went.

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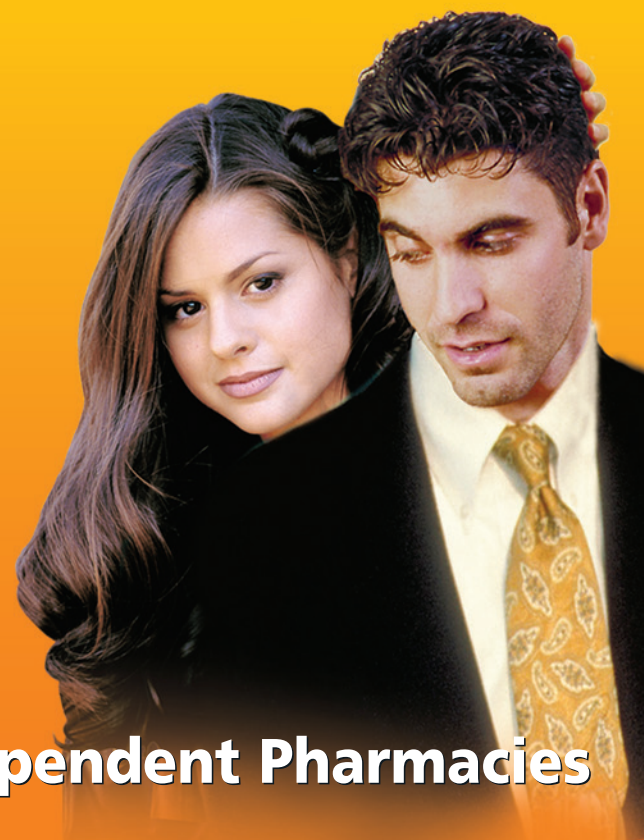
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About 1.6 million Facebook users, including those in Canada, took advantage of an election day feature on the social networking website to "donate" their status, pledging their support for U.S. presidential candidates or just urging Americans to vote. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Election USA



Eight years later: The Bush administration's legacy

As the U.S. prepares to bid farewell to George W. Bush, his eight-year administration has brought an increased budget deficit, the dollar far lower against other currencies, his approval ratings plummeting and support for the Iraq war ebbing away. **METRO**

THE ECONOMY

	2000	2008
● Unemployment	4 percent (average)	5.4 percent (average) ↑
● Federal budget deficit	SURPLUS of \$230 billion	DEFICIT of \$455 billion (as of October 15) ↑
● Inflation	3.38% (average)	5% (average) ↑
● Currency rate	Jan. 20, 2000: (first day of Bush presidency): \$1 = 0.65 (U.K. Sterling), 1.01 (Euro)	Oct. 31, 2008: \$1 = 0.62 (U.K. Sterling), 0.79 (Euro) ↓

INTERIOR POLICY

Bush approval ratings



● **Highest:** Sept. 21-25, 2001:

86%



● **Lowest:** Oct. 23-26, 2008:

22%

Seats in Congress

2001: Senate: 50 Democrats, 50 Republicans; House: 212 D, 221 R, 2 Independents

2003: Senate: 49 D, 51 R; House: 204 D, 229 R, 1 I

2005: Senate: 45 D, 55 R; House: 202 D, 232 R, 1 I

2007: Senate: 51 D, 49 R; House: 233 D, 202 R

FOREIGN POLICY

Iraq War:

● **Should the U.S. have invaded Iraq?**

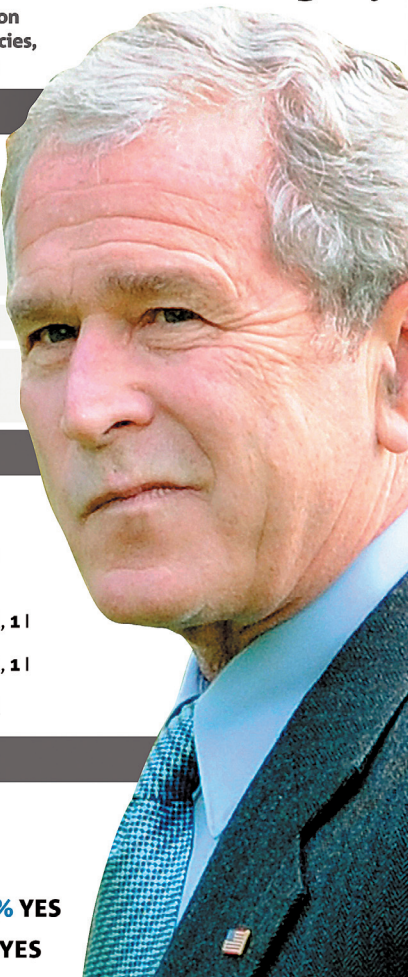
March 2003: 72% say YES, 22% say NO

Feb. 2008: 38% say YES, 54% say NO

● **Should U.S. withdraw troops?**

March 2003: 64% NO, 32% YES

Feb. 2008: 47% NO, 49% YES



SOURCES: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR/PEW RESEARCH CENTER PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

153 hot-button issues at stake

Gay marriage, abortion on ballot

Some of the most divisive social issues in American politics went before voters yesterday as 36 states passed judgment on ballot measures as well as candidates.

Of the 153 measures at stake, the most momentous was a proposed constitutional amendment in California that would limit marriage to heterosexual couples.

Ban-gay-marriage amendments also were on the ballot in Florida and Arizona, while Arkansas had a measure that would prohibit unmarried couples from adopting or being foster parents.

South Dakota's ballot included an initiative that would ban abortion except in cases of rape, incest and serious health threat to the mother.

Colorado has an amendment that would define human life as beginning at conception.

In Washington state, voters were deciding whether to join

Dog racing and pot

- Massachusetts had measures that would ban dog racing and decriminalize possession of an ounce or less of marijuana.
- Use of marijuana for medical purposes would become legal under a measure in Michigan.

Oregon in offering terminally ill people the option of physician-assisted suicide.

State income taxes were targets in two states — a North Dakota initiative would cut income taxes by 50 per cent for individuals, while Massachusetts would repeal the tax altogether.

Measures inspired by unease over immigration would designate English as the official language of government proceedings in Missouri and limit teaching of students in languages other than English to no more than two years in Oregon.

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New construction breaks ground

Exciting new construction began today on the Canning Factory downtown, but it began on the wrong site. It's unclear as to how the crew became so confused, however one thing is certain, they should have had a delicious breakfast.



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Taiwan, China envoys sign historic trade pact

Taiwan and China set aside decades of hostilities yesterday, agreeing to expand flights and allow shipping links across the Taiwan Strait. They also agreed to hold high-level talks every six months and focus on building closer financial ties in the next round of meetings. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Petraeus sizes up Afghan war

New chief of U.S. Centcom looking to stem violence

Gen. David Petraeus, the new chief of the U.S. Central Command, arrived in Afghanistan yesterday for a first-hand look at the war in the troubled nation.

With U.S. deaths at an all-time high in Afghanistan and attacks against westerners on the rise, Petraeus travelled from neighbouring Pakistan on his first visit to the region since taking charge of the U.S.-led wars in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Petraeus will meet with Afghan leaders and top U.S. military officials, including U.S. Gen. David McKiernan, head of the NATO-led force in Afghanistan.

Col. Greg Julian, the chief U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan, said Petraeus was in the country for an "initial as-

Death toll

- More than 5,200 people – mostly militants – have died in insurgency-related violence in Afghanistan this year alone.

essment."

Petraeus, who became Centcom chief Oct. 31, has been credited for stemming the violence in Iraq, and many expect Afghanistan will see some of the same tactics, such as co-opting local tribal leaders to resist the Taliban.

Though the U.S. now has more troops in Afghanistan than ever – some 32,000 – at least three more brigades have been requested to help the U.S. cover violent areas where the Afghan government now has little presence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

India Balancing act



Poonam, 14, performs a balancing street act in Allahabad, India, yesterday, earning about 200 to 300 Rupees (\$4.5 to \$7 US) per day.

Iranian official impeached over fake degree

POLITICS Iran's parliament impeached the country's interior minister yesterday after he admitted faking a degree from Oxford University, a vote touted by critics as a defeat for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Ali Kordan's dismissal

was the first high-profile confrontation between the new parliament and Ahmadinejad.

The Interior Ministry had initially put out a certificate with an Oxford seal that was riddled with spelling and grammar mistakes. Oxford denied it had

ever awarded an honorary doctorate of law to the minister, who then admitted the degree was fake.

Ahmadinejad defended Kordan, dismissing degrees in general as "torn paper" not necessary for serving the people.

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Bin Laden's son seeks asylum

SPAIN A son of Osama bin Laden, who grabbed headlines when he married a British woman last year, arrived in Spain on Monday and has requested asylum.

It was not known on what grounds Omar Osama bin Laden, 27, was seeking asylum in Spain. The ministry has 72 hours to make a decision, and the petitioner has a right of appeal.

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News in brief

VATICAN Scholars, imams and clerics gathered at the Vatican yesterday for a three-day forum to improve strained Catholic-Muslim relations. It's aimed at countering the effects of a speech two years ago by Pope Benedict that angered many in the Muslim world who felt the pontiff was equating Islam with violence.

CONFLICT Congo rejected a rebel warlord's demand for direct talks to solve the conflict that has left hundreds of thousands hungry and homeless in a mineral-rich eastern province. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Maybe it's time to pull plug on Tasers

The WestView

Paul Sullivan

Journalist & media consultant

A guy in Calgary died Monday after being Tasered by police during a break-in.

A few days before that, a man in Edmonton died after police subdued him with a Taser while he was allegedly wreaking havoc at a pawn shop.

In Canada more than 20

people have died after being Tasered since use began in 1999; yet officials resist calls for a moratorium while we study this, uh, shocking trend. The latest assurance was issued by Alberta's solicitor general Fred Lindsay after the Edmonton death...two days before the Calgary death.

"I believe the Taser is a tool that's been used very effectively and in a lot of cases has prevented death," said Fred. Is it just me, or do his words ring hollow, bookended by Taser-related fatalities three days apart?

And lest we forget, it was just over a year ago when the RCMP set off a Taser-re-

"If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis."

lated international incident. Polish traveller Robert Dziekanski, freaking out after spending 10 hours trapped in the Vancouver airport trying to find his mother was Tasered after he began throwing the furniture around. He died too. The Polish government summoned the Canadian ambassador looking for answers. Like the rest of us, Poland is still waiting.

Amnesty International recommends a time out

while we study these things further. By its count, more than 290 people have died in North America after being Tasered. And it's not even considered a weapon in the USA; you can Taser people who are annoying. By that criterion, I'd deploy mine 50-100 times a day.

While Tasers are a restricted weapon in Canada, police argue that they have saved 4,000 lives since they began using them in 1999. And as targets of the Taser

are usually dangerous individuals in the middle of a psychotic episode or drug-induced frenzy, they're not so easy to subdue — yet they obviously have to be subdued. Public safety depends on it...I think.

Okay, but watch the video of the Dziekanski incident. You're left with the uneasy feeling that the four officers surrounding the agitated man really didn't need to Taser him repeatedly — as many as four times, according to witnesses. An alternative might have been to find a Polish-speaking translator to try and calm the man down. There remains a lingering suspi-

cion that the officers applied the "annoying" criterion, and while the rules of engagement are still not clear, "annoying" just isn't good enough.

I'll leave you with this electrifying proposal: If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis. Failing that, he should show some leadership and pull the plug before someone else dies while being "subdued."

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Election USA

Word on the street: What do you think of Barack Obama as president?

Mark Coleman

age 38, Toronto

A: Obama would make a better president. In light of what's going on in Afghanistan and Iraq, I think Barack is more in line with current society's standards and changes.



Darryl Beaulieu

age 29, Toronto

A: I've been listening to the debates and I thought Obama did better. He would just lead the country better. It would be pretty cool having a black U.S. president for the first time, right? .



Michelle Lowe

age 34, Toronto

A: Obama's policies just seem more socially acceptable. I don't like McCain. He would be too conservative.



Amy Gilnder

age 19, Mississauga

A: I think he's a good choice. The only thing I don't like about him is he blamed the fat cats on Wall Street for the depression and that's not really what it's about.



Rebecca Easton

age 20, London, Ont.

A: I think he's the better choice. Obama will do better things for the environment.



Ryan Steeles

age 22, Ottawa

A: It's going to be hard to live up to the hype. Even though he's a great candidate and a great person. I don't think that he's going to live up to the expectations.



Danielle Hrdlicka

age 21, Edmonton

A: He will get the States in more debt than what it currently is in now.



Burke MacLean

age 32, Edmonton

A: Yes, in some aspects Obama will make a good leader. He will change the party, and he's younger and has new and different ideas.



Fatima Casadei

age 27, Vancouver

A: I think it's about time! I think it's time for a change and it needs to happen and I hope that it does.



Maryam Mumayiz

age 19, Halifax

A: I absolutely love Barack Obama as president. I think he's the best hope for America. I just don't believe in anything McCain.



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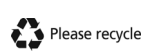
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Confident loonie flying high

CURRENCY The Canadian dollar built up some steam yesterday, due largely to some strengthening of confidence in financial markets and a surge in the price of oil and other commodities, including gold.

The loonie staged a modest two-day rally over Monday and Tuesday, jumping more than three cents to about 87 cents US.

The gain Tuesday of more than \$6 US a barrel

in the price of oil has "really been a part of the strength we've seen here today" in the loonie, said Shane Enright, a currency strategist with CIBC World Markets.

Much of its gain was "just confidence coming back into the market," but markets "are still jittery" so currencies are likely to keep swinging in value, Enright added.

The loonie is also being

helped by a retreat in the U.S. dollar, said BMO economist Doug Porter, as investors drop "want almost everything outside of the U.S. dollar."

"It really is quite staggering," he added, noting over the span of just one week, the dollar went from 77 cents to 87 cents. "We're getting moves in the space of a week now that used to unfold over years."

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N.S.	98.08
CANADA	98.33

SOURCE: www.gasbuddy.com

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Happy shock at the pumps

Gasoline prices in Canada are at their lowest level in nearly three years, falling well below \$1 per litre in many parts of the country.

The national average for gasoline was at about 98.3 cents per litre yesterday, according to price-tracking website Gasbuddy.com.

The last time gas was that cheap nationally was in February 2006, said Gasbuddy co-founder Jason Toews.

Prices are lowest in the competitive markets of Toronto and parts of Southern Ontario, where prices

fell up to six cents to a low of around 85 cents.

Other parts of the country did not see as big of a break, with a litre of gas going for an average of 95 cents in Montreal, 97 cents in Halifax, \$1.09 in St John's, N.L., 95 cents in Calgary and \$1.07 Vancouver.

"Now that gas prices are lower now, people are dancing in the streets," said Toews.

"When this happens, we resume our old driving habits, unfortunately."

Toews said the biggest factor in the pump-price decline is the steep drop in crude oil, the main ingredient in gasoline, finally working its way into the pump price.

Crude was just below \$70 US per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday — a big rebound from the \$60 US level it hit in recent days, but still less than half of its record high of \$147 US reached in July.

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Business in brief

HOUSING With housing sales down a dramatic 30 per cent this year, developers and agents in the Greater Toronto Area are offering big incentives such as fuel-efficient cars, plasma TVs, a trip to Paris and rebates on the unpopular land transfer tax in Toronto to attract buyers.

NUCLEAR Provincial energy watchdog Ontario Energy Board says Ontario Power Generation is spending too much to upgrade its nuclear stations and that customers shouldn't have to pay the \$1-billion shortfall, after OPG asked the board to approve a 14-per-cent hike. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

AIRLINES The Canadian Transportation Agency ruled yesterday that Air Canada is charging a just and reasonable fee to customers who want extra services in the event of a flight disruption. Opponents said Air Canada was trying to turn a carrier obligation into a revenue source. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger underwent an MRI exam yesterday on his injured right shoulder, and the team won't know if he can play Sunday against the Colts until they get the results. Roethlisberger was injured during Monday's 23-6 win in Washington. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Roethlisberger has MRI

Sports



CANADA

Logo to skip Olympics

Team Canada will be without its iconic hockey logo for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. The Canadian Olympic Committee says it will not ask for an IOC exemption to use the logo, which has been used at the past three Olympic games.

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Comeback falls short

NHL RESULT

Hurricanes 5 Leafs 4 (OT)


VS


THE SKINNY: Niclas Wallin scored 1:52 into overtime on Tuesday as Carolina blew a three-goal lead before pulling out a 5-4 victory over the Maple Leafs.

THE COMEBACK: Toronto started its comeback when Niklas Hagman finished a give-and-go with Nikolai Kulemin by beating Cam Ward with a high shot at 13:52 of the first period. Mikhail Grabovski got his fourth of the season at 3:40 of the second period by cashing in a great cross-crease pass from Hagman on a power play.

GRABOVSKI'S A GRAB: With two goals on the night, the flashy Belarussian now has four goals in two games.

LIKE LARRY HAGMAN AS



Vesa Toskala sprawls as Hurricanes centre Chad LaRose scores during first period of last night's game. The Leafs came back from a 4-1 deficit but fell 5-4 in overtime.

J.R. EWING: Hagman also continued a hot scoring pace, racking up two points (1 G, 1 A) for the second straight game, and extending his points streak to three games.

DOWN RIGHT OFFENSIVE: There were 10 goals scored when the teams faced each other in Raleigh on Sunday, so it wasn't all that surprising to see the offence carry

over to the second game.

THE NEXT GAME: In Boston for the second time in two weeks, Thursday night.

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NBA

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KEY MATCHUP: Rasheed Wallace vs. Chris Bosh
Wallace has been solid and motivated in Detroit's first three games, and Bosh is the reigning player of the week in the Eastern Conference.

OF NOTE: Allen Iverson is expected to be in the Piston lineup, but he will have had only one shootaround with his new team. This makes Rodney Stuckey the probable starter at point guard for Detroit.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Allen Iverson, right, meets the Detroit media yesterday alongside Pistons GM Joe Dumars. If Chauncey Billups completes a physical and paperwork in time for Denver, Iverson will play tonight in Toronto against the Raptors.



Burnett went 18-10 with a 4.07 ERA last season.

Burnett opts out, Jays rotation in question

A.J. Burnett is headed for the open market.

The agent for the flame-throwing right-hander informed the Toronto Blue Jays of his client's intention to opt out of the remaining two years and US\$24 million on his contract Tuesday.

"It's not official yet but we're in the process of doing the paperwork," Derek Braunecker told The Canadian Press in an interview from the general managers meetings in Dana Point, Calif. "It's a formality at this point."

Burnett's decision ends months of speculation and leaves the Blue Jays with a massive hole in their starting rotation.

Coming off a career season, Burnett was widely expected to become a free agent. He signed a \$55-million, five-year deal in December 2005 that included an opt-out clause after the 2008 season.

After going 18-10 with a 4.07 ERA in 34 starts, throwing a career-high 221 1-3 innings with 231 strikeouts, Burnett is expected to command upwards of \$15 million a season for four, possibly five years.

The Blue Jays can still resign Burnett, but general manager J.P. Ricciardi has repeatedly said that the team can't afford to enter a bidding war for him.

The New York Yankees, New York Mets and Boston

Red Sox are believed to be among Burnett's potential suitors, making it unlikely that the Blue Jays can keep pace financially.

"Our talks with them have been productive and we will still continue our talks with them," said Braunecker. "This is something we needed to do just to give us the opportunity

Open market

- The Yankees declined their 2009 options on first baseman Jason Giambi and pitcher Carl Pavano on Tuesday, making the pair eligible for free agency.

to assess the market and who the other interested parties are."

Burnett joins the upper-tier of free agent pitchers available, a group headlined by C.C. Sabathia. Also up there are Ryan Dempster of Gibsons, B.C., Derek Lowe and Ben Sheets.

But his importance to the Blue Jays increased as he began to fulfil his potential and helped ace Roy Halladay carry the load when injuries struck starters Dustin McGowan and Shaun Marcum.

Those injuries leave the Jays with a paper-thin rotation heading into the 2009 season, with Halladay and Jesse Litsch the only confirmed starters.

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Brodeur out 3 to 4 months

Arm injury will delay march to two NHL records

Martin Brodeur extended his reach on a slapshot against the Atlanta Thrashers on Saturday, heard a “pop” in his left elbow and felt a brief, sharp stabbing pain. Within a minute, he couldn’t lift his arm. He knew that wasn’t good.

Now one of the NHL’s premier goaltenders faces surgery to repair the distal bicep in his left elbow, and it will be at least eight weeks before he can begin rehabilitation. He won’t be back in the NHL for three or four months.

“It’s shocking,” Brodeur said in a conference call yesterday. “You expect my knee’s going to go, or my groin, or my stomach, or something I use a goalie. I didn’t think a bicep could have been a big factor in an injury.

“That’s why I think it’s such a freak accident.”

It’s the first major surgery of the 36-year-old’s career. Brodeur has been nothing shy of incredibly durable since entering the league full time in the 1993-94 sea-

son, playing a remarkable 87 per cent of New Jersey Devils games since. He’s played fewer than 67 games only twice: his rookie year when he played 47 games, and the lock-out shortened 1994-95 season when he played 40 of 48 games.

Brodeur said he saw many specialists and doctors before deciding to proceed with surgery, in part because he feels very little pain.

“It’s shocking ... I didn’t think a bicep could have been a big factor in an injury.”

Martin Brodeur

“I have some pain in moving my wrist around a little bit because of the tendon being detached from the bone. Nothing crazy,” said Brodeur. “That’s why I want to make sure what we had was a complete tear. That’s why it took us a while to make a decision and verify with all the specialists.



Brodeur will undergo surgery on his elbow tomorrow.

There was no swelling, no discoloration on my skin, no pain.”

He’s also tantalizingly close to a couple of remarkable goaltending records: Seven more wins will tie him with Patrick Roy’s all-time mark of 551; and he needs five more shutouts to tie the once-thought untouchable record for shutouts (103, by Jacques Plante). Those had emerged as feel-good story lines inside the New Jersey dressing room, now completely shoved aside. “Hopefully, I’ll come back healthy with enough games to be able to

reach it (the records) this season,” said Brodeur. “Right now, it’s way outside my thinking process. I’m excited to be that close. And I know it’s a hard thing to do and this just proves it. You have to be healthy to (set career records).”

His injury could be the “pop” heard round the Eastern Conference, where the New Jersey Devils could fall to the pack of also-rans. With Brodeur, a playoff spot is generally a given: the Devils have missed the playoffs only once (1996) in Brodeur’s tenure.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sports in brief

NFL Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel says it was his decision to bench quarterback Derek Anderson in favour of Brady Quinn. Crennel made the switch Monday, one day after Anderson threw a costly interception in Cleveland’s 37-27 loss to Baltimore. Crennel said the change was not based on backlash from Cleveland fans. Quinn will start against the Broncos Thursday night.



Quinn

appointed the new coach of Argentina’s national team yesterday. “I’m going to give it my all to make sure that things go well,” Maradona said. “We’re going to work every day so that Argentina has a national team that keeps getting better and better.”

PLEA Jose Canseco has pleaded guilty in federal court to a misdemeanor offence of trying to bring a fertility drug across the border from Mexico. The former baseball star was sentenced yesterday to 12 months unsupervised probation by U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks.

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Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein has agreed to a new contract with the team. Epstein revealed the agreement on the first day of the annual GM meetings. Under Epstein, the Red Sox won the World Series in 2004 and 2007. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Carpenter has surgery on elbow

BASEBALL Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter had surgery yesterday to transpose a nerve in his right elbow, the same procedure St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols had last month. The Cardinals did not say whether Carpenter remained on a timetable to return by spring training. The 33-year-old righty pitched only 15 1-3 innings over four appearances last season after recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery. The 2005 NL Cy Young winner went 0-1 with a 1.76 ERA and was shut down in early September. After Carpenter visited four specialists, the Cardinals announced Oct. 1 that he would not undergo a procedure on his right shoulder.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Selig warns GMs about economy

Agent Boras rebuts, says business of baseball "not applicable to the outside world"

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig warned baseball general managers about the national economy as they formally began their annual meeting yesterday.

Some club executives say teams have delayed setting budgets for payroll because they want to determine whether the economic downturn will change revenue projections.

Selig spoke to the GMs by video conference for eight or nine minutes, according to Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commission-

er's office. Solomon said Selig began the session by discussing the state of baseball.

"He also talked about our economy and how troubling it's been, and how we have to operate in a fashion that's cognizant of that economy," Solomon said. "Basically it was short and to the point."

Agent Scott Boras, who represents Manny Ramirez and Mark Teixeira, took the exact opposite point of view. Boras called this "one of the more aggressive markets for players" and

compared it to the free-agent group after the 2000 season. Boras negotiated Alex Rodriguez's US\$252-million, 10-year contract with Texas that off-season, when Ramirez signed a \$160 million, eight-year deal with Boston.

Boras acknowledged the slow U.S. economy in general but

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig has warned baseball executives about revenue projections compared to current economic woes.

said MLB had little reason to worry.

"In our myopic world," he said, "there's a lot of fixed elements that frankly are not as applicable to the outside world."

He cited guaranteed revenue, such as the New York Mets' naming-rights deal with Citigroup and team television agreements. MLB had revenue of \$6.5 billion this year.

"We have record revenues in the game. It may be that we have record needs for a lot of teams," Boras said. "This free-agent marketplace, there's a core of players, maybe as many 10 to 12 players, that really have demand for a lot of teams. There may be as many as nine or 10 teams that

don't have a closer. ... This is a rare opportunity to have veteran starting pitchers on the marketplace that you can classify in that (No.) 2 or 3 category."

Boras wouldn't guess whether a slowdown would lower the value of non-stars.

"In the world of desserts, I'm only in the frosting part," he said. "I haven't gotten to the cake yet."

Solomon said the GMs also received an umpire report. After instant replay for certain home run calls began Aug. 28, seven calls were reviewed by umpires and two were overturned. While it was available, instant replay was not needed for any post-season games. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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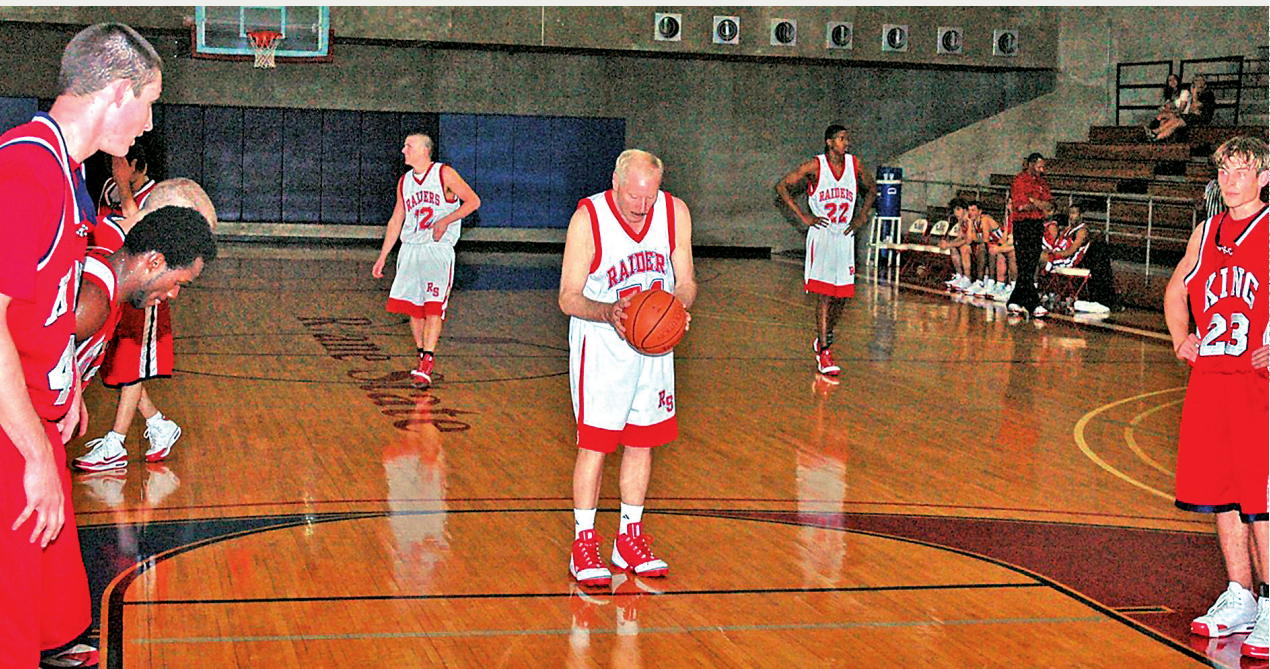
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Ken Mink, 73, prepares to shoot a free throw for Roane State University in the team's 93-42 win over King College's junior varsity team Monday night in Harriman, Tenn. Mink scored two points on free throws. Roane State says Mink became the oldest person to play college basketball.

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For the second straight year, the Toronto Argonauts' running back and kick return specialist is the CFL East Division's unanimous choice for the most outstanding special teams player award. Dominique Dorsey will go up against Calgary kicker Sandro De Angelis. He is the Argos' lone nominee. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Champions League **Jump ball**

Liverpool's Robbie Keane, left, and Albert Riera, right, jump for the ball against Athletic Madrid's Paolo Assuncao during their Champions League match in Liverpool yesterday. The teams fought to a 1-1 draw.

Believing in road-field advantage

YorkReport

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I feel like a fool.

I mean, during all my years of covering sports, I've steadfastly believed that a home team has an advantage — a significant advantage, in fact — for playoff games, especially in the CFL.

Well, "only fools think" this way, according to **Wal-ly Buono**.

Buono, who will surpass **Don Matthews** as the most victorious head coach in CFL history with five more triumphs, is adamant that home-field edges simply don't exist. Buono's B.C. Lions are 3.5-point underdogs for Saturday's Western Division semi-final — chiefly because the game is in Saskatchewan — but the coach considers the odds-makers foolish, too.

Oh, and Saskatchewan general manager **Eric Till-**

man also is a fool in Buono's eyes. "Consider me the ultimate fool," Tillman acknowledged sarcastically, adding Saskatchewan fans "matter big-time to our franchise ... and you can bet everything you own they're going to matter on Saturday."

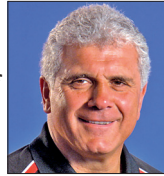
• One of the Roughriders' key defensive players wears an insulin pump during games.

Defensive lineman **John Chick** has diabetes.

"People are shocked at first because they don't think a person can play with that," Chick said.

"For me, it's a matter of overcoming something that people have struggled with, especially in the past. I'm glad to show that you can be as active as you want. You just have to take care and sacrifice some time to take control of it."

Check out Chick's web site, johnchick97.com where he answers questions regularly.



Buono

• The CFL has fined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' **Kai Ellis** \$1,000 for saying he wished he could put Montreal Alouettes' GM **Jim Popp** "in a coma." Ellis, who was cut by Popp earlier this season, is appealing ... After a woebegone season in which his team failed to qualify for the playoffs, **Michael (Pinball) Clemons** is about to be removed as the Toronto Argonauts' president and will remain with the organization only if he agrees to return as head coach ... **Noel Prefontaine**, 34, is telling friends he probably won't return as the Edmonton Eskimos' punter next season.

Sabermetrics

• A group that tracks every ball hit in MLB says New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter is the worst fielder in the game. Statistics guru Bill James and a panel of nine others rank Jeter 22nd among everyday shortstops and call him the veteran "the least effective defensive player in the major leagues, at any position."

"You can bet everything you own they're going to matter on Saturday"

Riders' GM

Eric Tillman on Saskatchewan's fans

He'll test the free-agent market and may even retire ... He used to be known as Kamau Incompleterson for obvious reasons, but he was terrific this season for the Eskos and look for **Kamau Peterson** to be chosen the CFL's premier Canadian for 2008 ... And whatever happened to the CFL returning to Ottawa? The league has given Ottawa until next March to provide concrete proof that it can have a viable franchise in 2010 but, unless things change, don't expect it to happen. The idea simply has too many opponents in Ottawa, especially in political circles.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Watters steps down as Argos COO

CFL Brad Watters stepped down as the Toronto Argonauts chief operating officer Tuesday.

No reason was given for Watters' resignation. The move comes less than a year since Watters joined the Argos' front office after serving as the chairman of Toronto's '07 Grey Cup committee.

"We would like to thank Brad for his work with the Argos over the last year,"



Watters

another executive in the near future who will continue to build the game day excitement and entertainment value of Argos football."

co-owners David Cynamon and Howard Sokolowski said in a statement.

"We will put in place

Previously, Watters spent four seasons as president of the Ottawa Renegades, whose operations were suspended by the CFL prior to the '06 season.

He is the second Argos front-office employee to step down in less than a week. On Friday, head coach Don Matthews announced he wouldn't return after posting an 0-8 record with Toronto.

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Armstrong still unsure about another Tour

Lance Armstrong has yet to decide whether he will try for an eighth Tour de France title in 2009.

"I want to say I'm not trying to be coy; I'm not playing games with them (the Tour) or with fans or with media. I simply don't know," Armstrong said yesterday during wind tunnel testing at the San Diego Air & Space Technology Center. "I'm not in a hurry. It's Nov. 4."

"I know there is tension. There is tension with French cycling fans, with French media and certainly tension with the organizers. And right now I don't want to deal with tension. And I don't know if I want to deal with tension in July."

Jean-Etienne Amaury, the new president of the Tour's

organizer, said last month that Armstrong had "embarrassed" the event.

Armstrong suggested his safety might be at risk if he enters the Tour again. The Austin, Tex., resident recalled watching his hometown college football team, the Texas Longhorns, lose at Texas Tech last weekend.

"(Texas Tech fans) hated, hated Texas; they hated them. ... I'm at home watching it and the trick there is that you're in a stadium and you're sort of protected," Armstrong said. "Cycling's not that way. So if they hate you and you're on the roads and they want you, they can get you."

His last Tours "weren't good," Armstrong said. He doubted that the animosity would subside between now and the Tour's start in



Lance Armstrong says he's concerned about animosity he may encounter from French fans.

July. "The only way it would change is if I gave up my American citizenship and became a French citizen, which is obviously not going to happen," Armstrong said. "And that might not even change it."

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... and 'best new' winners are Automotive Journalists Association of Canada announces picks

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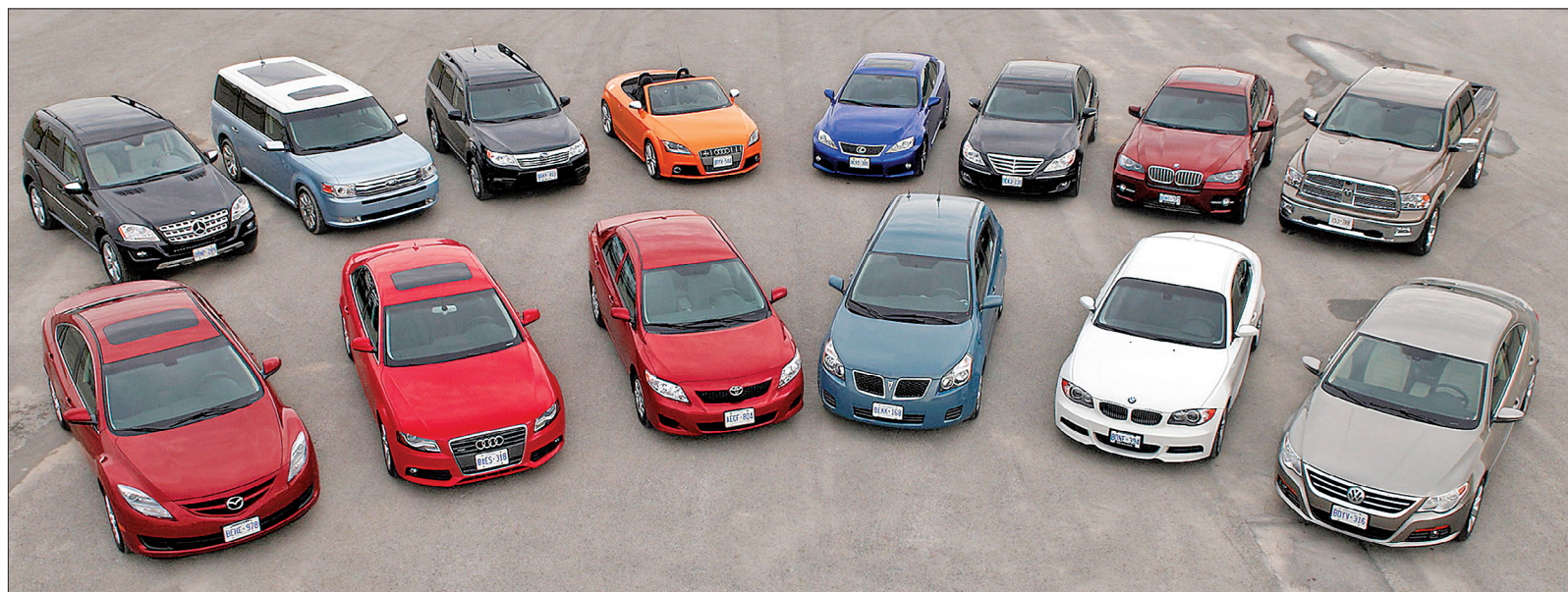
After five days of intense testing, the 2009 "Best New" AJAC award winners in 14 different vehicle categories were announced, by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

The purpose of the AJAC awards is to provide consumers with a valuable resource that comprises comparative information on vehicles that are new to the market.

Are consumers listening? It would appear so.

Maritz Research, on behalf of AJAC and in association with General Motors of Canada Ltd., conducted a survey of 2008 Buick Enclave purchasers to test their recognition of AJAC, the AJAC awards and the Buick Enclave as the winner of the Best New SUV Over \$60,000 award for 2008.

Seventy four per cent of the 2008 Buick Enclave buyers who were aware of the AJAC Awards program when they purchased their vehicles knew that the Enclave was voted Best New SUV Over \$60,000, a record



The winners of the 14 categories of the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Canadian Car of the Year (CCOTY) category winners have been announced. They are, back row from left: Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTec, Ford Flex, Subaru Forester, Audi TTS, Lexus IS-F, Hyundai Genesis, BMW X6 (later declared out-pointed by co-winners Mercedes CL550 4Matic, Mercedes SL63 AMG) and Dodge Ram. Front row from left: Mazda6, Audi A4, Toyota Corolla, Pontiac Vibe, BMW 135i Coupe and Volkswagen Passat CC.

high-point for awareness. And of those buyers, 41 per cent said the award had a positive influence on their buying decision.

That is a concrete measure of how influential the AJAC Canadian Car of the Year Awards have become.

For that reason, the vote results that determined the winners are available on the AJAC web site www.ajac.ca,

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(under \$50k): Hyundai Genesis
(over \$50k): Audi A4
BEST NEW PRESTIGE CAR
Mercedes CL 550 and Mercedes SL 63 AMG (tie)
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(over \$60k): Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTEC

The 14 category winners listed above now go on to compete for the honour of

being either the 2009 Canadian Car of the Year or the 2009 Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year.

These overall winners will be announced on February 11, 2009, at the 2009 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

The 2009 Best New Design and Best New Technology winners will also be declared at that time.

Land speed record challenged, year by year

ATTEMPT Twelve years since Andy Green OBE and Thrust SSC scythed through the sound barrier on their way to the current world land speed record of 763.053 mph, Green and former record-holder, Richard Noble OBE, are preparing to write the latest chapter in the history of world land speed record attempts, with a 1,000 mph bid.

As much an engineering adventure as the ultimate speed record challenge, the four-year Bloodhound Project is designed to re-ignite interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics amongst the youth, and raise the numbers

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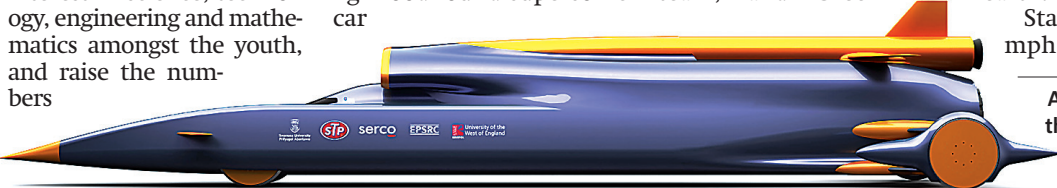
An exotic combination of jet, rocket and piston-engined power is employed in the 12.8m, 6,400-kg Bloodhound supersonic car

(SSC) in the quest for the ultimate goal. With Noble, former land speed record holder and team boss from 12 years ago, fronting the team, and Green

once more in the driving seat, the team has all the credentials to tackle arguably the greatest motorsporting challenge on earth.

Starting with an 800 mph bid in 2009, the car

An artist's impression of the car being built to set the world land speed record at 1,000 mph.



Probable venue

• The venue for the record runs is yet to be confirmed, but Black Rock Desert, Nev., the scene of Green's record with Thrust SSC, is under consideration. More information at www.bloodhoundssc.com and www.stp.eu

will be continuously developed, with a 900 mph run in 2010 and the ultimate goal of 1,000 mph will be aimed for in 2011.

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Slice of shrinking pie

Kia enters smaller SUV segment with new Borrego

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As much as zealots of the green cause preach about it, sport utility-vehicles have not, and will not, die. Heck, the Chevy Suburban has survived industry turmoil for 73 years, becoming the longest-living, continuously built automotive nameplate on the planet.

No matter how high fuel prices rise, there will always be folks who need a tall, tough truck to tow equipment, toys and to ferry the family. And therein lies the rub: Buying an SUV is once again based largely on need rather than frivolous want. The segment's becoming smaller, so outfits like Kia, with its new V8 Borrego sport-ute, will have to work that much harder to grab a piece of the shrinking pie.

The Borrego joins Kia's Sportage and Sorento as the automaker's first mid-size, seven-seat, ladder-frame SUV, though considering its "size and available V8, it also has the capacity to rival vehicles classified in the large SUV segment."

Riding on a wheelbase of 2,895 mm (114.0 in.), it's neck-and-neck with a Nissan Pathfinder in length (4,884 mm/192.3 in.) and just 44 mm longer than its crosstown (seven-seat) Korean unibody cousin, the Hyundai Veracruz.

Aside from the truck's name (which does not, in fact, come from a rare strain of ultra-hot burritos, but a big-horned sheep found in Southern California), what first caught our attention were the Borrego's aggressive pricing

The Borrego comes with a long list of standard features, including four-wheel drive, six airbags and four-wheel disc brakes with ABS.



2009 Kia Borrego

Type: SUV
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Highlights

- Excellent towing
- Seats seven
- Impressive value

and its out-of-the-box equipment list.

Even the garden-variety LX V6, which stickers for \$36,995, comes with a laundry list of features like four-wheel drive, six airbags including curtains for all rows, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, heated front seats, three-months of Sirius satellite radio, a USB and auxiliary input, a back-up warning system, Electronic Stability Control, and two firsts for Kia: downhill assist control and hill ascent control.

The luxury EX model adds dual-zone automatic

climate control, leather, an electric tilt/telescoping steering wheel, a sunroof, gussied-up gauges, etc. for \$40,995. The eight-cylinder models follow the LX/EX model lineage too, and sticker for \$39,495 and \$43,495, respectively.

Despite the impressive value stance Kia's taken with the Borrego, tech-savvy readers will be left disappointed that a navigation system (available in the U.S.), a power hatch, Bluetooth connectivity, etc. were left out of the options mix. (Note, in the

U.S., a base 4x2 Borrego is priced \$10,000 less than in Canada, running to around \$40K for a loaded EX V8).

Kia's not breaking any styling moulds here, inside or out, but the Borrego is attractive overall, functional and well screwed together. Its two-box design means lots of people and paraphernalia room. Third row access is a climb, but there's decent headroom once you're back there. Fold those seats (and the second row) to open up an impressive cargo cave.

The Borrego's chassis is a hydro-formed affair wearing a front double-wish-bone and rear multi-link suspension. With the eight-pot engine under hood, it can tow a class-leading 7,500 lb. (5,000 with the V6). Note though that all that pulling prowess does sacrifice ride comfort, as the stout rear suspension can get grumpy over rippled roads.

Cellphone-based alert system tested

Nissan has launched a community-based test of its Intelligent Transport System (ITS), integrating cellular communications with vehicle telematics to help prevent pedestrian-related accidents.

The pilot project is being conducted over a two-month period from Nov. 1 to Dec. 27.

This represents the first and largest such experiment of its kind, involving 500 pedestrians and 200 drivers, and in collaboration with NTT DoCoMo Inc., the largest mobile network operator in Japan.

Participants will use a special cellular phone that is compatible to the Nissan navigation system on-board test vehicles, and simply go about their regular daily routines, com-

muting within the neighbourhood.

As a vehicle is approaching a residential city area where many blind intersections exist, the driver can be alerted of a pedestrian hidden around the corner, by voice message and screen display via the navigation system.

This is possible as the information server detects data transmitted via GPS (Global Positioning System) to the cellular phone carried by the pedestrian and sends it to the vehicle navigation system, which then triggers the alert.

The system assists the driver to take precautionary measures and drive more carefully, which can help to reduce pedestrian-vehicle collisions.



This Wild West Hummer H3 was part of a recent Zoo Art Fair exhibition in London, England.

Hummer goes wildly West

English artist Matthew Harrison unveiled his latest project entitled Hummer at the fifth Zoo Art Fair (Oct. 17-20) in London, England. It is a Hummer H3 complete with wooden wagon wheels.

Harrison is exhibiting on behalf of East London gallery, Limoncello, one of 57 showcasing works from

some of the most exciting art talent in the world.

Harrison has combined the legendary off-road vehicle with Wild West wooden wheels to create a sculpture that is a mixture of art, engineering and motoring. For Harrison, the crux of the Hummer is formed by both its being and its afterlife.

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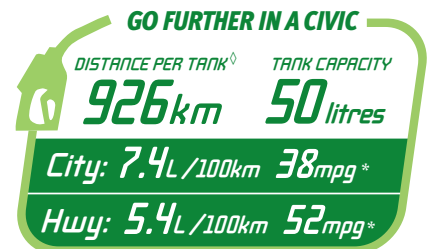
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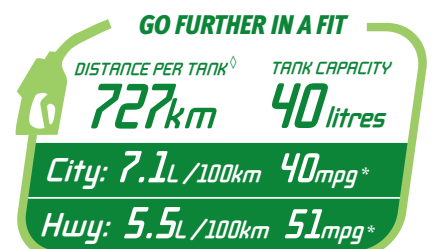
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Saturn Aura up to speed

New six-speed automatic revitalizes four-cylinder sedan

CARGUIDE STAFF
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The Saturn Aura is essentially a twin to the Chevrolet Malibu under the skin, and has much to offer, including arguably more attractive sheet metal, generous levels of equipment and no-haggle pricing.

However, the base four-cylinder Aura was never really a top-level athlete, hobbled with its ancient four-speed automatic transmission that combined coarse changes with highway-speed engine droning.

No more, thanks to the General's new standard six-speed automatic, which it shares with the Malibu (and which will also appear on the hybrid Green Line version). The 169-hp 2.4-litre Ecotec engine remains unchanged, but now returns 9.4 L/100 km city 5.9 L/100 km highway versus 9.6 L/100 km city and 6.5 L/100 km highway.

And, while GM doesn't quote improved performance figures, seat of the pants testing rates the new transmission as a big improvement, especially around town as the Ecotec isn't the smoothest of units.

When launched, the Aura's cabin was competitive, if a little stark, however now that the Malibu's launched with its impressive interior, the Saturn is dating quickly.

Saturn is dating quickly. Also, front headroom is tight thanks to the aggressive



The Aura's responses are still reasonably quick, and the large sedan will scoot through traffic with aplomb.

When launched, the Aura's cabin was competitive, if a little stark, however now that the Malibu's launched with its impressive interior, the

2009 Saturn Aura

Type: Sedan
Price: \$27,565
Engine: 4-cyl.
HP: 169

Highlights

- Quick response
- Affordable
- Fuel-efficient

sive windshield rake and seats that don't lower far enough.

Still, it's a very competitive entry in the mid-size market, and one that shouldn't be outshone by its Chevy stablemate.



The Aura's quick responses help it scoot through traffic easily.

Pricing for our 2009 Aura XR tester starts at \$27,565, while the Sun and Sound package, with a sunroof and upgraded stereo, adds \$1,470 to the

sticker. Other niceties included leather seats (\$935), power-adjustable pedals (\$185) and an engine-block heater (\$75) for a total of \$30,245.

BMW readies MINI E for world debut

ELECTRIC BMW claims it will be the world's first manufacturer of premium automobiles to deploy a fleet of some 500 all-electric vehicles for private use in daily traffic.

The MINI E will be powered by a 204 hp electric motor fed by a high-performance rechargeable lithium-ion battery, transferring its power to the front wheels via a single-stage helical gearbox nearly without a sound and entirely free of emissions.

The MINI E will give its world premiere at the Los Angeles Auto Show on Nov. 19 and 20, 2008.

Specially engineered for automobile use, the battery technology will have a range of more than 240 kilometers, or 150 miles.

The MINI E will initially be made available to select private and corporate customers as part of a pilot project in California, New York and New Jersey.

The MINI E's electric drive train produces a peak torque of 220 Newton metres, delivering seamless acceleration to 100 km/h in 8.5 seconds.

Top speed is electronically limited to 152 km/h.

Featuring a suspension system tuned to match its weight distribution, the MINI E sports the brand's hallmark agility and outstanding handling.

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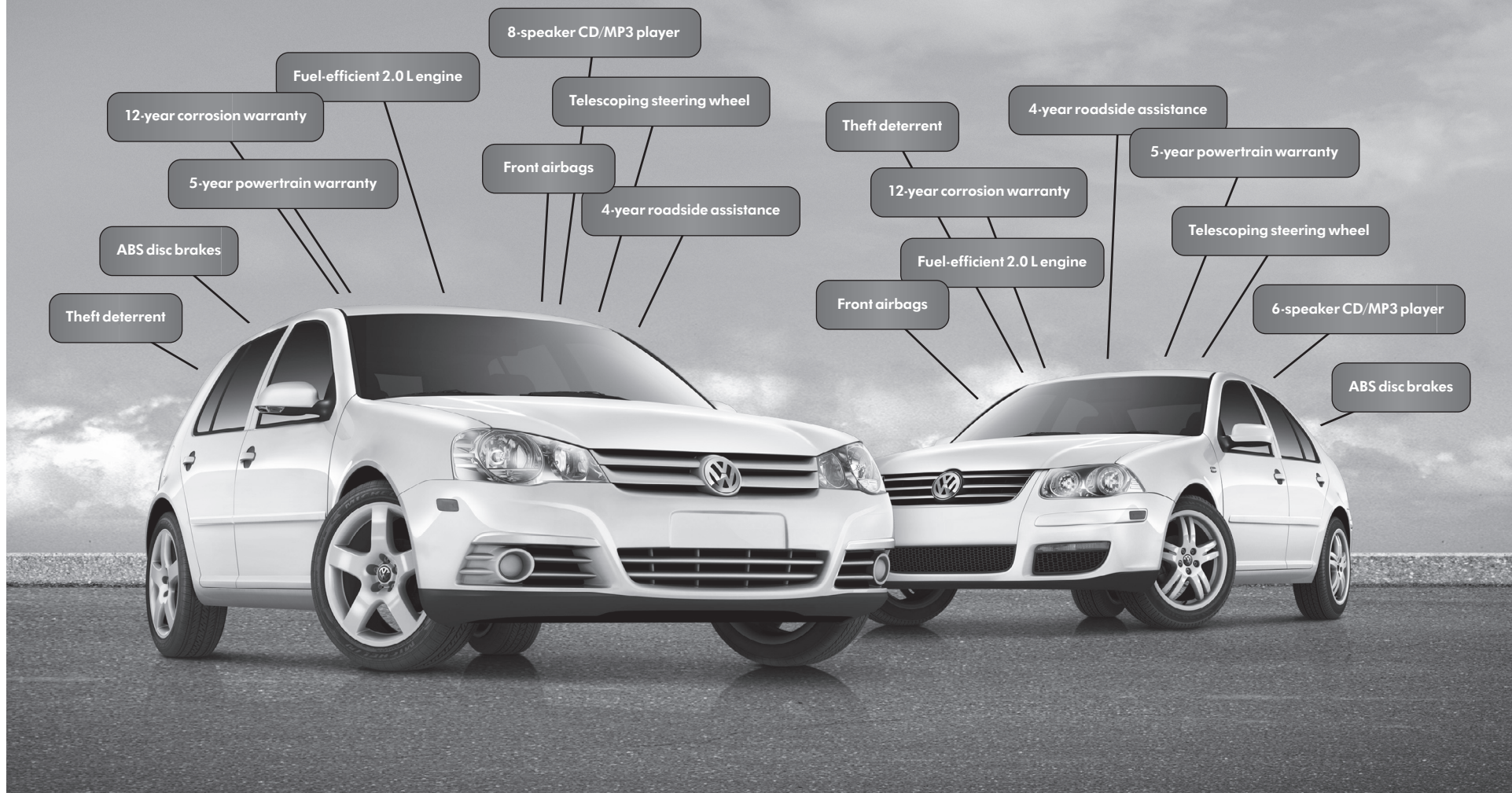


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Forester stays true

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

Subaru was one of the originators of the crossover segment with its Forester model some 12 years ago.

It was a smaller, compact sport utility vehicle with a four-cylinder engine, all-wheel drive and built on a car chassis rather than a truck, like other SUVs of the era.

This spring, the third-generation Forester made its debut for the 2009 model year and Subaru hasn't changed things all that much.

Sure, it's a bigger, bolder and a little less boxy-looking than before, but it still offers the same combination of versatility, rugged

dependability and performance that has made the Forester the best-selling model in the Subaru arsenal.

Like every Subaru, it features full-time all-wheel drive. Two choices of engine are available.

The Forester 2.5X has either a five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic transmission mated with a 2.5-litre four-cylinder Boxer engine, producing 170 hp and 170 lb/ft or torque.

Also available in the 2.5XT Limited is a turbo version of the 2.5 engine. It produces 224 hp and 226 lb/ft or torque and comes with only the four-speed automatic.

My tester was the 2.5X with Touring Package, which includes 16-inch



The 2009 Subaru Forester is the third generation of a vehicle that helped create the crossover segment, one of the fastest-growing areas in the automotive market these days. Like previous models, the '09 Forester has all-wheel drive and is equally at home on road or off-road with standard stability control, traction control and its high ground clearance.

aluminum alloy wheels, power sliding large glass sunroof, multi-reflector halogen fog lights, chrome door handles, stainless steel muffler cutters, wiper de-icer, rear seat cushion table with integrated cup holders, reclining rear seats and cargo tray area. It priced out at a reasonable \$27,995, while the automatic version adds \$1,100 to the price tag.

Unlike when it first

bowed and virtually created its own niche in the automotive market, the Forester sits smack dab in the middle of today's highly-competitive CUV segment, against strong challengers such as the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4. This is a segment that is expected to continue to see growth as more and more consumers are dumping their larger SUVs and replacing them with

more fuel efficient, better performing and easier-to-drive crossover models.

To that end, Subaru has freshened up the look of the 2009 Forester, making the exterior design more shapely with less of that "tall wagon" look.

Changes include a new grill, a higher hood, new lights and a large, contoured bumper cover. Sharply defined character lines with pronounced fender

2009 Subaru Forester

Type: Compact crossover
Price: \$25,795 to \$34,895. As tested, \$27,995
Engine: 2.5-litre Boxer four cylinder; 2.5-litre turbocharged Boxer four-cylinder
HP: 170-224

flares accentuate the new profile.

Functional improvements include a wider door opening for improved accessibility and a rear gate opening, which is wider and taller, yet still easy to close.

Unlike many CUVs and SUVs where rear visibility is reduced because of the vehicle's high stance and somewhat small rear window, the Forester is different.

The rear gate has a large glass area that allows average-sized drivers to see an object one metre tall within one metre of the vehicle. In other words, you'll have a much easier time seeing small children on the sidewalk behind you when backing out of a driveway.

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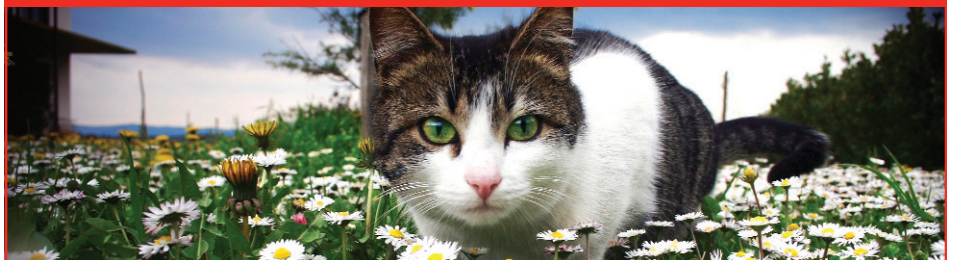
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Suzuki eyeing new segment?

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



Suzuki Canada is seriously looking at bringing a diesel into Canada.

Instead of being offered in a SUV or luxury car, as you might expect, they are looking at the SX4 compact hatchback.

The SX4 sedan and hatchback are already hot sellers here for Suzuki, but the addition of a diesel could not come at a better time. Looking at the cost of fuel, they are, on average, 30 per cent more fuel efficient than gasoline.

The diesel in the SX4 already meets Europe's tough emissions laws that see it emitting 139 grams of CO2 per kilogram which is very close to the "magic" 99-g/km mark.

With low sulphur diesel fuel now available in Canada, the car would probably qualify as a "clean diesel" in Canada.

Suzuki brought in a pair of the cars for evaluation and surprised Canadian au-

to journalists at the launch of the 2009 Grand Vitara by making them available for test drives.

Suzuki builds the car in Hungary for the European market. It has a turbo-charged, common rail direct injection 1.6-litre, four-valve, four-cylinder engine producing 88.5 hp and a solid 158.6 lb/ft of torque that is fully available at just 1,750 rpm. There is also a 1.9-litre turbo diesel available.

Fuel consumption for the 1.6-litre is listed at 6.4/4.6/5.3L/100 km city/highway/combined.

While driving on a combination of highway and back roads near Huntsville, Ont., the handy instant fuel readout at the top of the centre stack was showing 5.4L/100 km.

In all but the engine and some markings of the controls, the SX4 diesel was identical to the one sold here. The two tested were front-wheel-drive (FWD) but it is also available with all-wheel-drive (AWD).

Turn the car on and it



The European-built Suzuki SX4 diesel looks identical to the Canadian specification SX4 hatchback except for the small "DDiS" badge on the front fenders.

fires up immediately and settles into a diesel engine rattle that anyone who has been to Europe will be familiar with.

As you accelerate, the rattle changes tone to a louder, more urgent clatter as the revs rise.

It's not fast, but it's not pokey either with a 0-100 km/h time of 12.2 seconds. In fact, the only thing

holding it back is the longer time it takes to build revs in a diesel but this is helped a lot by the turbo. As it is, the top speed is 175 km/h which is fast in anyone's books.

You don't have to bury the pedal anymore on today's diesels to prod them up to speed. At 1.6-litres, the torque is generous.

With its high cabin and

generous use of window glass, the view, especially ahead is picture-window-like. Controls are where you expect to find them and the air/heating rotary knobs are big and well marked.

Fit and finish was up to Canadian standards but I found the silvery seat insert material a bit odd.

And at the end of the

Suzuki SX4 Diesel Hatchback

Type: Compact five-door hatchback

Price: NA

Engine: 1.6-litre, four-cylinder, 16-valve direct injection turbo diesel

HP: 88.5

Highlights

- Fuel efficient
- High cabin for good view
- Durable

short drive, Suzuki Canada president Seiichi Maruyama asked if I thought Canadians would buy it.

To tell you the truth, I think the decision has already been made. It will mean federalizing the car for safety and emission laws and minor changes to the gauges, but it is not a lot of change in the scheme of things.

When? Not this year or next but after that ...

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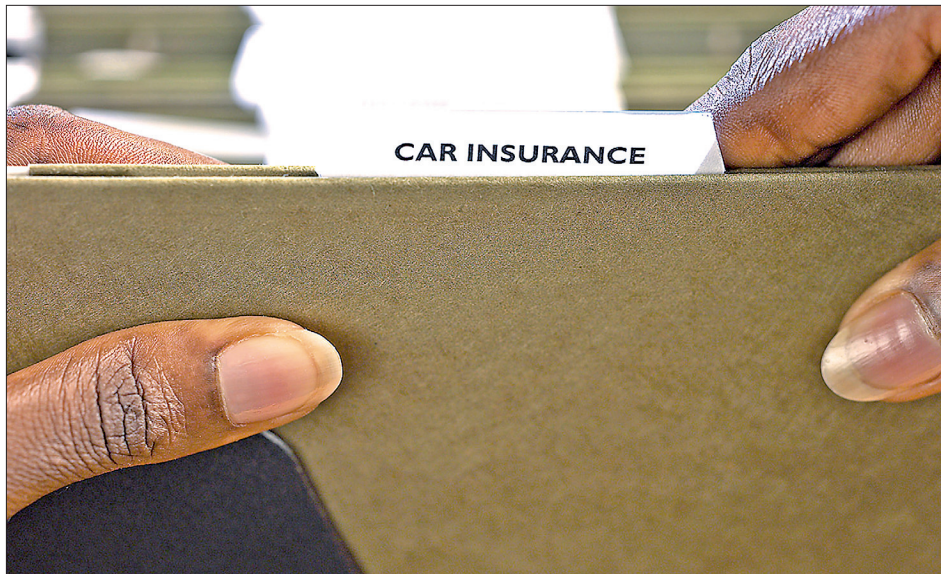
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The study finds that customer service accounts for 38 per cent of satisfaction among home insurance policyholders, while price/premium accounts for only 17 per cent.

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Customer service remains the most important driver for auto insurance making up 28 per cent of customer satisfaction, compared with 25 per cent for price/premium, according to a 2008 J.D. Power and Associates study.

insurance has long been considered a commodity business, with most policies written through independent brokers and with heavy government regulation in auto insurance rates and coverage," said

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F1's Hamilton sticks with Mercedes

LEISURE RIDE Vodafone McLaren Mercedes Formula 1 driver Lewis Hamilton is about to get behind the wheel of another Mercedes-Benz GL-Class, his preferred car choice when away from the race-track. His latest 4MATIC model is a new GL 320 CDI, is powered by a three-litre V6 common-rail diesel engine, developing 224 hp. Lewis' Vodafone McLaren Mercedes Formula 1 car, on the other hand, has a 2.4-litre V8 engine developing at least 500 hp more, at an incredible 19,000 rpm. Explaining his choice of road-going vehicle, Lewis said, "At the track I always drive on the limit, but on public roads I like to relax, kick back and cruise. The GL's perfect for that, it's got plenty of space for all my kit, a brilliant sound system, and the high driving position gives me a clear view of the road ahead." The standard Off-Road Pro package adds low range gearing, centre and rear differential locks and under-body protection.

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Most people would be surprised to learn that the inventor of the advanced hybrid technology used in the Toyota Prius and other vehicles is an American.

In fact, he is an engineer and entrepreneur who immigrated to the U.S. from the Soviet Union and launched his inventions at the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Last week, the spotlight finally shone on Alex J. Severinsky, who designed the Hyperdrive power-amplified internal combustion engine power train.

He was inducted into the Clark School's Innovation Hall of Fame on Oct. 30.

Soon after Severinsky arrived in America as a refugee in 1978 — in the middle of the national oil crisis of that era — he recognized a major problem he believed he could help



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solve.

"I'd just come from bread lines and now I was in gas lines," says Severinsky.

He decided to tackle the problem of gasoline consumption.

Severinsky set about

searching for practical alternatives to internal combustion.

He concluded that a fully electric vehicle would never be practical, but an electric/internal combustion hybrid could work.

He took a job in power electronic engineering, where he could immerse himself in the field of high-voltage semiconductors that was crucial to his ideas for a hybrid.

Starting in 1992, Severinsky began filing numerous patents for the Hyperdrive powertrain system. He made a physical prototype of his technology and, on Oct. 14, 1999, demonstrated the PAICE system in Detroit.

Severinsky proved that the system could effectively reduce the gas consumption of a Cadillac Coup de Ville by half in city driving while retaining its driving performance.

Engineers at U.S. and

"I bought my car from Toyota. My wife loves it. It uses several of my inventions."

Alex J. Severinsky

Japanese automakers were interested in Severinsky's invention, but top management resisted.

A staff engineer at Toyota later developed the same idea as Severinsky for hybrids.

When the Toyota Prius was introduced, Severinsky fought to protect his patent rights.

After a protracted legal battle with Toyota, he won the civil case in 2005. (Additional litigation is in progress.)

Severinsky is satisfied with the turn of events.

"I bought my car from Toyota," he said, with a smile.

"My wife loves it. It uses several of my inventions."



Mazda RX-8 Hydrogen RE

Clean Mazda in Norway

HYDROGEN CAR Motor has introduced the Mazda RX-8 Hydrogen RE (Rotary Engine) vehicle to Norway's public roads in collaboration with the Hydrogen Road of Norway, (HyNor) project.

Initially, the RX-8 Hydrogen RE's driving performance on Norwegian roads will be validated with a single vehicle, which will also be shown at various events. This marks the first time that a Mazda hydrogen rotary vehicle has been put into regular use on public roads outside Japan.

Mazda signed a memorandum of understanding with HyNor to participate in the project in November 2007.

HyNor is a national project in Norway that aims to

establish a clean energy transport system based on hydrogen fuel. Beginning in 2009, Mazda will provide approximately 30 RX-8 Hydrogen RE vehicles for the HyNor project under commercial lease contracts.

The RX-8 Hydrogen RE validation vehicle is being delivered in advance so that Mazda and HyNor can jointly assess its driving performance in Norway.

It will also be exhibited at environmental and other events for potential customers who are interested in leasing a hydrogen vehicle.

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Boston is the cradle of patriotism, the site of Paul Revere's historic ride and home to the USS Constitution. But it's also home to a new greenway, high fashion at low prices, discount theatre tickets, great public transportation and cool places to eat well on a budget.

Getting around: Here's the secret of why Bostonians "pahk their cah in Hahvid Yahd" — it's too expensive to park it in the city. If you plan to stay in Boston, there's no need to rent a car. The city's public transit — known locally as "the T" — is an easy-to-follow colour-coded system that's safe and inexpensive.

In good weather, the most affordable and efficient way to navigate Boston is on foot. And the best way to see the most historic sites — for free — is along the Freedom Trail.

You can start anywhere along the red-brick pathway that winds and bends through historic Boston, from Boston Common to the Bunker Hill Monument. There are 16 official sites but plenty of fun unofficial stops along the way, too.

On the waterfront: One of the quickest, easiest and most affordable ways to get to and from Boston's Logan International Airport is by boat. Water taxis offer service from several spots on Boston Harbor to



A marker, part of which reads "Paul Revere buried in this ground," hangs at the Old Granary Burying Ground in Boston. Walking is the easiest way to take in the city's historic sites.

a dock at the airport, where a free bus shuttle will pick up passengers and take them to their terminals. The ride across the water is just \$10 US one-way — far less expensive than a cab — and takes just seven minutes. It also affords a spectacular view of the waterfront; see massport.com/logan/getti-typeo-water.html.

While you're along the waterfront, save time to take a quick detour to the New England Aquarium, where you don't need to pay admission to get up close with one of the most enjoyable attractions: the frolicking harbour seals in the tank outside; neaq.org.

Green space: One of the newest ways to enjoy Boston is with a stroll along the Rose Kennedy

Greenway, rosekennedygreenway.org, which was officially dedicated in October. This string of parks and fountains replaces a giant eyesore of an elevated highway, which was taken down and buried beneath the city in the nation's largest public works project, known as the Big Dig.

Over the river: If you want another view of the city, take a quick T ride or walk the bridge over the Charles River to Cambridge, home to Harvard and MIT. Enjoy the spectacular Boston skyline, visit the Harvard Coop bookstore, or take in the street performers in Harvard Square. When you're done, check out Grendel's Den, just off Harvard Square. By law there can be no official "happy hours" in Massachusetts,

On the web

- For more information, visit the Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau site at bostonusa.com.

but all food is half-price with \$3 US drink purchases at dinnertime at this great student haunt, grendelsden.com.

Boston's Broadway: Get half-price same-day tickets to shows in Boston's theatre district at the BosTix booth at Copley Plaza or Faneuil Hall. The tickets also are listed online at arts-boston.com.

Bargain hunting: Boston also has bargains for the fashion-addicted. Among the boutiques on the Back Bay's Newbury Street is The Closet, at 175 Newbury, known for 30 years for its high-end designer consignments. The Second Time Around consignment chain has also several stores in the area, including at 176 Newbury, 219 Newbury, and 82 Charles St. In the North End, Karma Designer Consignment at 26 Prince St. has designer consignments and vintage clothing.

Filene's Basement, founded in Boston a century ago to move excess goods from the now-defunct Filene's department store, is best known for its Running of the Brides wedding gown sales.

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Scottsboro, AL, include a 40.95-carat natural emerald, a full suit of armour, a rattlesnake, a parachute, Egyptian artifacts, a 5.8-carat solitaire diamond ring and a guidance system for an F16 fighter jet. See unclaimedbaggage.com.

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The best of the Bond locations

Sir Roger Moore dishes on his favourite 007 filming sites

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

James Bond movies are always set in exotic locations, from Jamaica through outer space. To celebrate the release of the new 007 film, *Quantum of Solace*, we caught up with a veteran Bond, Sir Roger Moore, to find out more about the destinations where he filmed his exciting adventures and rakish love scenes.

Q Which Bond movie had the best range of locations during the shooting?

A The Spy Who Loved Me — I loved Corsica, and of course the Bahamas!

Q Which is your singular favourite Bond location, and why?

A It has to be Corsica. It's such a beautiful island with terrific hotels and the most gorgeous seafood. In a word, it's idyllic.

Q Did you ever have time out to explore the locations you filmed in?

A Not really. We were usually on pretty tight schedules and would arrive one afternoon, check in to our hotel and start shooting the next morning. I only really got to see the areas we were filming in, as there was no such thing as a day off for Jimmy Bond.

Q Which location had the best nightlife?

A Well, all I ever did was fall into bed after a quick drink with the stunt



Corsica was Sir Roger Moore's favourite Bond filming location. Above, a traditional fishing boat is moored off of Corsica. Below, the port of Bonifacio.

boys. I never got to see any nightlife as I usually had a 5 a.m. start.

Q Which location had the best food?

A Corsica.

Q Did you ever return to have a holiday in one of the Bond locations?

A I've been back to many of the countries, though usually with UNICEF as I tend to spend my holidays at home — as I travel so much.

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Above, a view of the beach at the One & Only Ocean Club in the Bahamas. The resort made an appearance in the 2006 Bond film *Casino Royale*. But veteran Bond actor Sir Roger Moore also filmed in the Bahamas

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Q Do you have a favourite hotel?

A Oh goodness, I've stayed in many wonderful hotels. It would be difficult to single any one out, though whenever I can I do stay at the Sheratons as they have a terrific standard of excellence throughout the world — wonderful rooms, comfy beds, room service that knows how to boil a three-minute egg and of course they have Checkout For Children where every guest donates £1 to UNICEF.

Q What is your all-time favourite holiday destination?

A I have to say home, in Monaco. To relax with my family,

and take a boat around the coast to Villefranche for lunch is as good as it gets.

Q What is your idea of a dream holiday?

A I don't have one. I've travelled so much that all I long for now is home. I've lost count of the number of planes I've been on in my lifetime, certainly this year alone it must be 50 or more. Flying used to be fun, but now I can't help but feel some of that appeal has been lost. I much prefer the train, if possible.

Q What three items do you always take with you on holiday?

A My laptop, my mobile phone and my medical dictionary.

**Fleming exhibit**

• If you're heading to London, check out the exhibition dedicated to Ian Fleming's life and work at the Imperial War Museum in London. The exhibition explores the Bond au-

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Perfect time for a Kananaskis hike

As the autumn days start getting shorter, colder and drearier, it's a good idea to squeeze in one last Rocky Mountain hike before skiing and snowshoeing season gets into gear.

It turns out Kananaskis Country, the 4,200-square-kilometre swath of wilderness on the eastern slopes of the Rockies, offers plenty of outdoor activities during the shoulder season.

Kananaskis, dubbed K-Country by some, gets most of its visitors from Calgary, which is only a half-hour's drive away.

"Kananaskis does have this reputation of being Calgary's playground, which is well-warranted. However, we have visitors from all over the world, both in the summer and the winter," says Duane Fizor, information services co-ordinator for Kananaskis Country.

Indeed, the region offers plenty of outdoor activi-

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• For more information, visit kananaskis.com.

ties during the shoulder season.

In late fall, many hiking trails are still open at lower elevations, and higher up a few people are even beginning to strap on their snowshoes, says Fizor.

"You'll get compact snow and bits of ice in certain sections of trails," he says.

"But there's still a lot of people out hiking or using horses for equestrian riding — mountain biking even in some specific areas."

One route you might decide to hike along is the Prairie View Trail near Barrier Lake, which is said to be dry and in good condition this time of year.

As an alternative, a staffer at the Barrier Lake information centre also

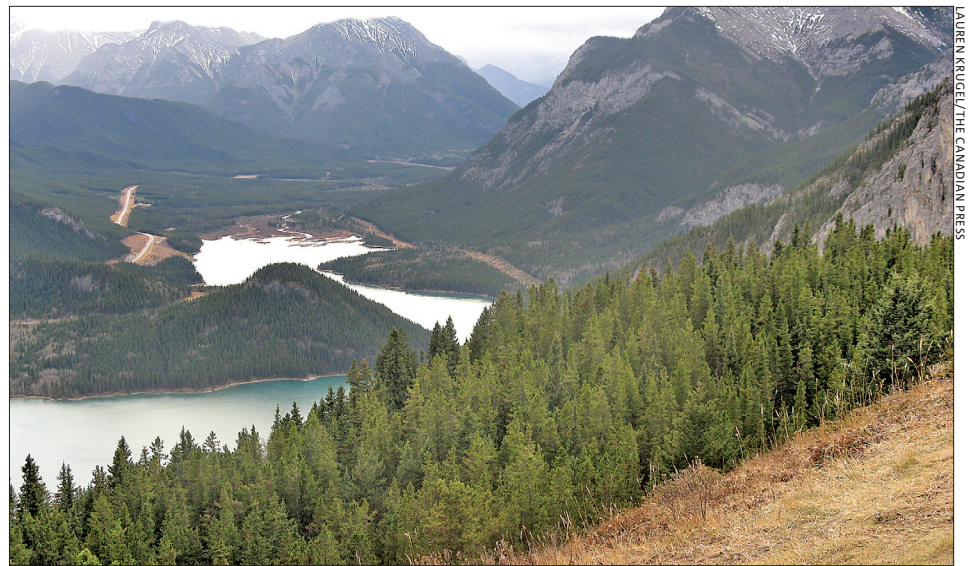
recommends an easy hike along the Skogan Pass Trail, which begins at the Nakiska ski resort and ends at Humminbird Plume Lookout.

Barrier Lake is a 10-minute drive south of the Trans-Canada Highway at the north end of Kananaskis Country.

The trail starts in a wide-open area along the lake, where there is little in the way of shelter from the powerful winds. But once you begin ascending switchbacks through dense pine forests, you'll begin to warm up and peel off layers.

Weather in the mountains is unpredictable year-round, so dressing in layers and bringing extra items of clothing are always good ideas.

"At any time of year I would suggest that people come prepared for all four seasons. Even in mid-August I've been on hikes where I've got snowed on,"



The Prairie View Trail near Barrier Lake in Kananaskis Country, Alberta. There are plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy in this 4,200-square-kilometre swath of wilderness.

Fizor says.

"Everyone thinks of bringing warm clothing and tuques and mitts and a change of socks and all those kinds of things, but more technical gear is definitely relevant."

For example, to prevent the bottom of a hiker's pants from getting soaked with snow and mud, Fizor recommends wearing gaiters — waterproof pieces of fabric that can be snapped on to the lower leg.

Hiking poles are also a

good idea for extra balance in slippery places, Fizor says.

In the end, the stunning panoramas of snow-topped mountain ranges, striking blue-green lakes and rolling prairies make all the exertion worthwhile.

Black bears, which are often spotted in the region, are beginning to hibernate around this time of year, but grizzlies will be active for another month or so, Fizor warns. So hikers should always travel in groups and make a lot of noise as they

walk.

Fizor also cautions that avalanche season is well underway and that anyone venturing into higher elevations should bring a beacon, shovel and probes — and learn how to use them.

"A lot of people think because they have it, they're fine. But if you have no knowledge of how to use things, then there's no sense of carrying it. It's like getting behind the wheel of a car and not knowing how to drive," he says.

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Trumping objections

Donald Trump has won permission to build a golf resort in a coastal area of Scotland that's home to rare birds and other wildlife. Scotland's government approved the project despite local objections. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Where's the beach?

Sand snatchers shrink Caribbean beaches amid building boom

Ahh, the Caribbean. Sun, surf. But where's the sand? It's disappearing at alarming rates as thieves feed a local construction boom.

Caribbean round grains, favoured in creating smooth surfaces for plastering and finishing, are being hauled away by the truckload late at night.

On some islands not much bigger than Manhattan, towns and ecologically sensitive areas are now exposed to tidal surges and rough seas.

In Puerto Rico, thieves once mined the dunes in the northern coastal town of Isabela, said Ernesto Diaz of the Department of Natural Resources.

But now they're stealing the beaches of the tiny island of Vieques — 135 square kilometres where the U.S. military only recently halted its controversial bombing practice.

Among the hardest hit is Grenada, where officials are building a US\$1.2 million seawall to protect the 340-square-kilometre is-

"If we continue to mine the beaches the way we've been doing, we will have no sand to boast about. Just sea and sun."

Joseph Gilbert

land. Large-scale sand thefts have exposed north-coast towns to rough seas, said Joseph Gilbert, the minister of works and environment.

One of the region's largest sand thefts targeted Jamaica, where nearly 100 truckloads were swiped from private property in the northwest, exposing protected mangroves and a limestone forest to wind and waves.

Roughly 20,000 cubic metres of sand were taken in late July, enough to fill roughly 10 Olympic-sized pools, said Jamaica Mines Commissioner Clinton Thompson, who suspects government officials were involved. "I was surprised at the amount," he said. "This one could not have been stolen without persons knowing about it." Po-

lice have refused to comment on their investigation.

Illegal sand mining in the Caribbean began in the 1970s, when people with shovels stole small amounts for construction because most homes were built with wood.

The thefts increased as builders switched to concrete homes and have only gotten bigger with the rise in construction of resorts and hotels — built, ironically, for tourists drawn by the Caribbean's immaculate beaches.

An estimated 80 new hotels and resorts are expected to open in the Caribbean through 2012, according to Smith Travel Research. Some islands offer local quarries or designate certain beaches for mining, but large-scale

nighttime thefts persist despite police patrols.

Front-loaders and other heavy equipment are now used instead of shovels to steal sand, which sells for nearly \$200 US for a cubic yard.

"If we continue to mine the beaches the way we've been doing, we will have no sand to boast about. Just sea and sun," Gilbert said.

No one knows how much sand in all has been carted away, but the islands of Tortola, Anguilla and St. Vincent are now vulnerable to flooding, said Gillian Cambers, associate researcher at the University of Puerto Rico.

Up to two-thirds of sand dunes in Tortola and Nevis have been decimated, she added.

On Grenada's 34-square-kilometre Carriacou island, population 6,000, the beach is shrinking by 91 centimetres every year from illegal sand mining, Gilbert said.

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If you tire of Mayan ruins and jungle hikes, pay a visit to Belize's Mennonites

Deep in the jungles of Central America, where jaguars, crocodiles and Howler monkeys are king, visitors may spot something out of the ordinary. Women in bonnets, suited up in wooly winter frocks; men dressed in overalls and straw Cowboy hats; children riding stone-faced in horse-drawn buggies.

A Mennonite settlement in the heart of the jungles of Belize may seem like a hallucination brought on by the intense humidity and hypnotizing buzz of cicadas, but this is no illusion. Amidst Mayan ruins overgrown by moss, there are some 5,000 Mennonites living in this small central American country bordering Mexico and Guatemala.

Mennonites, I learned, are a Protestant religious sect first formed in the Netherlands in the 16th century.

While there are one million worldwide, many have settled throughout Belize

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among the towns of Orange Walk, Shipyard and Indian Creek. Belize's government welcomed them and praised their farming expertise, which accounts for much of the country's produce. They live a simple, ultra-conservative life in closed farming communities.

Tourists staying at the Lamanai Outpost Lodge, an eco-resort that offers jungle expeditions to nearby ruins, may arrange a visit to a Mennonite community.

From the air-conditioned comfort of the four-by-four Land Rover, I travelled a few kilometres to Indian Creek, home to some 1,400 Mennonites. From the back of the car, I watched the landscape change from



Many residents in the Indian Creek community shy away from outsiders, but Abe is keen to show tourists the life of a Belizean Mennonite.

On the web

- Lamanai Outpost Lodge, lamanai.com.
- The Belize Tourism Board, travelbelize.org.

the lush jungle of tangled vines to vast, clear-cut pastoral farmlands.

Indian Creek was a scene right out of Little House On the Prairie: White farm houses dotted the country-

side, laundry was meticulously hung on front-yard clotheslines and angelic children in flower-print dresses ran through fields.

The four-by-four stopped abruptly in front of a horse and buggy, their preferred mode of transportation. I scrambled out of the car to meet Abe, a respected member of the Mennonite community who agreed to show me around.

Wearing blue overalls, a crisp marine-blue shirt, droplets of sweat gathering on his upper lip, Abe shook my hand with a firm paw. A kind man with a family of four girls, he was warm and welcoming.

Though many residents shy away from outsiders, Abe is keen to show people around.

He explained that Mennonites here refuse to use

Many cultures

- Though Belize has only 290,000 inhabitants, it has a variety of distinct cultural groups, according to the Belize Tourism Board: Creole, Garifuna (a mix of Carib Indians and Africans), Mestizo (a mix of Spanish and Maya), Spanish, Maya, English, Mennonite, Lebanese, Chinese and East Indian.

modern technology. No television, no cellphones, no electricity, no cars. No music or dancing allowed. Abe told me that the reasoning behind it is to create a strong family unit without the distractions or temptations of modernity.

A horse and buggy packed with cloaked women sped along the unpaved road. Air thick with moisture, my back dripping with sweat, I couldn't imagine what it must be like to wear such heavy layers of petticoats and dresses every day.

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Baltimore to honour Poe milestone

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Events will include a one-man show, POE in Person at the Baltimore Theatre Project; a wine tasting inspired by Poe's sadistic revenge tale The Cask of Amontillado in the catacombs beneath Westminster Hall, a former church in west Baltimore; and exhibits at the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The site for the Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore has a link to the Baltimore Poe House and Museum, eapoe.org. Details on the festival are at nevermore2009.com.

Poe died in Baltimore in 1849 and is buried there. The city plans an elaborate re-enactment of his funeral on the anniversary of his death in October 2009. The city aggressively promotes its ties to Poe thanks in part to a mysterious visitor who leaves a half-empty bottle of cognac and three red roses at the author's grave every year on the anniversary of his Jan. 19 birthday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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The University of Western Ontario has invested \$80,000 in a video to document campus discrimination. The hour-long Voices of Diversity premiered recently at the university, and was produced by UWO's Caucus on Women's Issues. It features interviews with students and staff about the discrimination they've experienced on campus. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

UWO documentary tackles campus discrimination

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Workplace wellness

Healthy workplace makes for productive, energized staff

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
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Staying healthy is only half the battle — staying healthy in the workplace is just as important.

October is Canada's Healthy Workplace Month, so there's never been a better time to get healthy at work.

According to the National Quality Institute (NQI), a non-profit organization that helps businesses promote healthy workplaces, health-care costs are increasing at twice the rate of inflation in Canada, and eight per cent of Canadian workers report taking some form of medication to treat a mental-health condition.

While treatment for existing health issues is important, the NQI suggests prevention is even more crucial to keeping employees happy and healthy in

the workplace by lowering stress levels, providing encouragement and offering better dietary options at work.

Katie Rodgers is co-founder of Licious Living, a meal-delivery service that specializes in providing healthy food options to workplaces and homes looking to take the guesswork out of healthy meals. Rodgers says workplace health takes a combination of factors to get right, and food is just one part of the whole picture.

"It's where your whole staff is energetic, feeling good, eating a healthy diet and finding time to exercise. It's all about bringing balance," Rodgers said.

Whether you're an employer or an employee, Rodgers suggests the first place to begin when creating a plan for staying healthy at work is to be realistic with what your

goals and needs are.

"The best thing to do is make yourself a plan that is realistic for you. You can't change everything all at once, and setting realistic goals is important for people who want change," Rodgers said.

Eating leaner proteins like skinless white-meat chicken or lean carbs like fruits and veggies is a great start, but don't forget foods chock full of healthy fats like salmon and almonds, too.

And when it comes to exercise, the best idea is to get the whole office in on the action with a fun workplace challenge or two, like tracking how often people take the stairs instead of the elevator, or starting a morning jogging club before work. The key is to put everything in writing and keep records to make the challenges stick.

"Put together a challenge

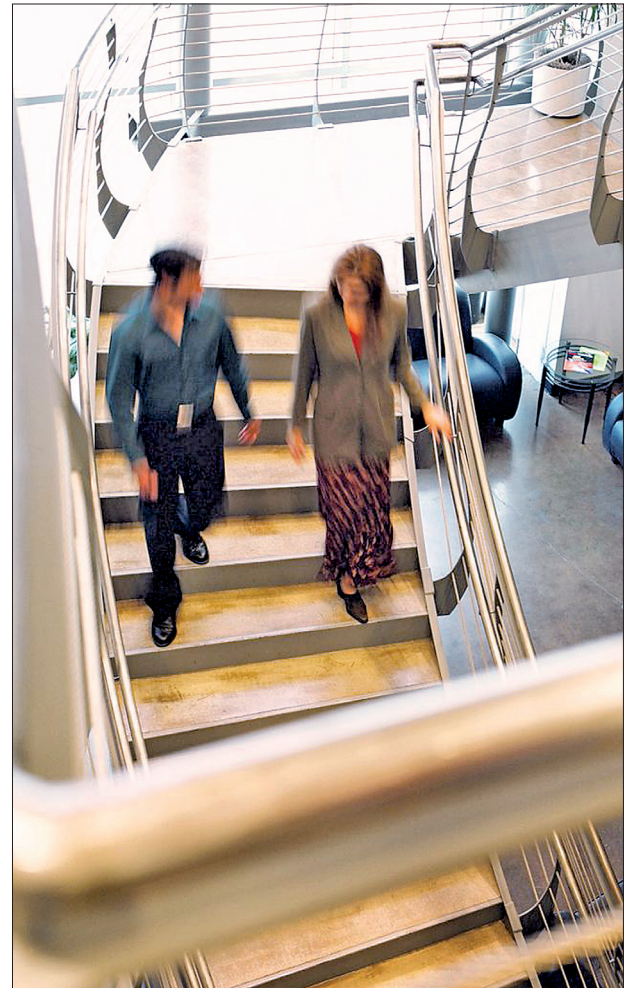
"You can't change everything all at once, and setting realistic goals is important for people who want change."

Licious Living founder Katie Rodgers

and have a place employees can go to track it," Rodgers said.

Besides a little friendly competition to motivate you, tracking exactly what you eat and in which quantities can help you start to see the bigger picture, something which Rodgers says most people don't have a handle on.

"A lot of people aren't aware of what they're eating, and tracking all the good and bad stuff can help you stay on track," she said.



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Despite current economic woes, some jobs still in demand

SALARIES Even in the current economy, certain skill sets remain difficult to find, according to the 2009 Salary Guides from Robert Half International.

The recently released guides point to modest overall salary increases for accounting, information technology (IT) and administrative roles, but highlight specialized expertise that can enhance a professional's marketability.

This includes account reconciliation and cred-

it/collections experience for accountants and web development skills for IT professionals.

"Companies highly value employees who can identify cost efficiencies, develop long-range business strategies and maximize the use of technology," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International.

"Adding to the competition for those with specialized skills is a growing reluctance on the part of

many professionals to leave secure employment situations in an unpredictable economy. This has made it a challenge for hiring managers to attract these workers."

Overall, the 2009 research forecasts a salary increase of 3.4 per cent for finance and accounting staff. Companies are showing the most interest in professionals who can help their firms reduce inefficiencies and enhance profitability.

According to the research, companies are hiring accountants to oversee core duties such as maintaining the general ledger, performing account analysis and reconciliation, correcting journal entries, and performing the monthly close.

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Flu virus freedom

There are some simple ways to avoid catching that nasty bug this season

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada



You know that guy who sits two cubicles away and has been coughing and hacking all over his keyboard for the last two days?

First of all, he should be at home in bed and secondly, stay at least three feet away from him at all times: The flu virus won't make it beyond that distance even in the most explosive sneeze.

As flu season forces itself upon us once again and germs run rampant throughout poorly ventilated offices, two Toronto-area influenza experts say there are some simple ways to avoid contracting the nasty little bug.

"Get your flu shot," says Dr. Irene Armstrong, an associate medical officer with Toronto Public Health.

And don't be afraid the shot will make you sick, she said.

"The flu shot cannot give you the flu; there's no live virus in the vaccine."

Dr. Susy Hota, infectious diseases specialist with Toronto's University Health Network, says except for people with special health conditions, everyone should get the shot.

"It protects you from getting sick, but it also protects the people who are the most vulnerable around you from getting sick," she said.

Toronto's first public flu shot clinic took place Oct. 27, and clinics will continue at 60 different locations across the city through Dec. 13.

Aside from getting the flu shot, there are a number of additional steps you can take to avoid contracting the virus says Armstrong.

"Handwashing, handwashing, handwashing," she said emphatically.

Wash your hands frequently using soap and water, scrubbing them for at least 15 seconds and rinsing well, she said.

Then use a paper towel to dry them off, turn off the taps and turn the handle of any public wash-room door.

Of course, alcohol-based hand sanitizers also work to kill bacteria but that's only if there's no visible dirt on your hands, she added.

And remember to keep

your hands away from your mouth, eyes and nose, she said.

Viruses are easily transferred through these mucous membranes.

Hota suggests being vigilant about keeping your work surface clean.

And if you know you are under the weather with either a cold or flu?

"Don't go to work," said Armstrong.

It's as simple as that, she said; you're not doing anyone any favours by dragging your virus-riddled body to the office where the flu can spread like wildfire among your colleagues.

During recovery period, which Armstrong says can last anywhere from two to seven days, be sure to drink lots of fluids, get plenty of rest and stay away from others — especially those with compromised immune systems.

Both doctors recommended Tylenol for relief of fever, aches and pains associated with the flu and both said good, old-fashioned prevention through hygiene and the flu shot is the best way to steer clear

Cold and flu facts

- Infants under the age of six months should not get the flu shot.
- People who should definitely get the flu shot are pregnant women, anyone over the age of 65, children under two years, or those who have compromised immune systems.
- Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve rather than your hand is an easy way to avoid spreading the virus.
- An estimated 4,000 to 8,000 Canadians die of flu-related complications every year.

of the flu this season.

As for the effectiveness of popular herbal remedies like Cold FX or Echinacea, both reserved comment.

"I'm not aware of studies that actually show they have a well-studied benefit," said Armstrong.

For more information on beating the flu and finding flu shot clinics near you visit Toronto Public Health at toronto.ca/health/flu/index.htm.



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It's 7 o'clock on a cool Wednesday evening when Viktor Zaytsev exits the Centennial HP Science and Technology Centre and heads home with his heavy satchel bouncing on one hip and a brand-new skateboard balanced on the other.

It's one of those times when Zaytsev senses the bus ride home from school is going to seem extra long.

"I've been waiting all day to give this to my son," says Zaytsev, motioning to the skateboard swinging at his side. "My son is four years old and he broke his old board doing tricks. He wants to do everything fast. He amazes me."

The feeling is likely mutual. Zaytsev's son must be enthralled with his father.

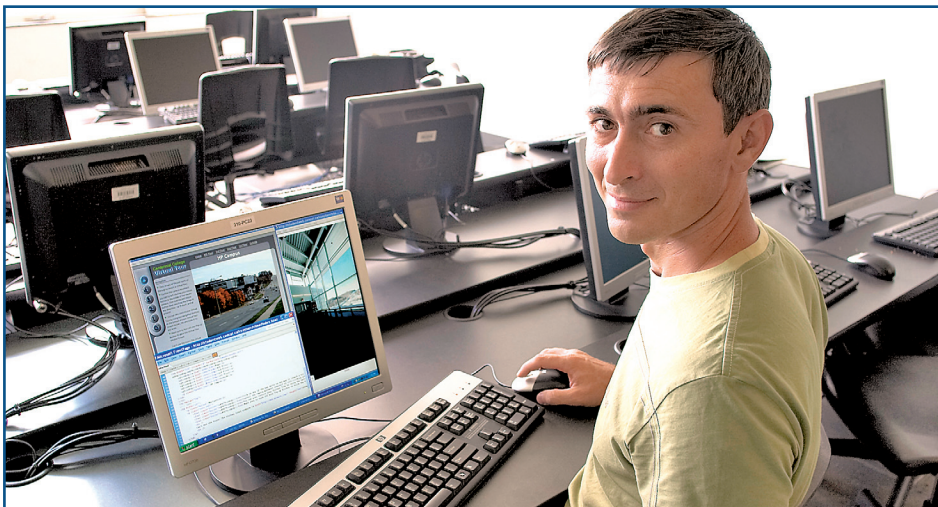
At first glance Zaytsev, who is sporting a brown T-shirt, faded jeans and worn-in sneakers, might seem like a typical Centennial College student, but there are a few characteristics that distinguish him.

For starters, Zaytsev emigrated from Ukraine four years ago. Secondly, he's a peer tutor with a lofty grade point average of 4.43.

In addition, Zaytsev is one of three Centennial students who received the prestigious Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship, which recognizes college students who excel in their studies and in their communities.

"I think I deserve this scholarship because of good grades and the initiatives I began at Centennial," says Zaytsev. "I designed a virtual tour of the campus so future students can feel comfortable with the environment before they get here."

Among other things, he established Centennial's first software programming club. Zaytsev also volunteered as a programmer and web developer for Toyz Love Interna-



Viktor Zaytsev is one of three Centennial students who received a Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship

tional, an organization that gives toys to impoverished children.

According to Zaytsev, his passion for college is a result of being away from the education system for several years. He spent his first years in Canada working in a dusty binding factory dreaming about creating a positive change.

Then in 2007, after examining several post-secondary options, he found a place that gave him an affordable platform to do just that.

"Viktor saw in Health Informatics Technology a unique program," says Mohammed Khan, Zaytsev's mentor and

full-time professor at Centennial. "He wanted a software engineering-based program and he found that it's only offered by Centennial and it features co-op."

"Viktor came into the program with a strong academic background and an interest in health care. This makes him an ideal candidate." The program's students develop software for health-care applications exclusively.

With the Garfield Weston scholarship, Zaytsev now has more financial legroom to continue pursuing his passion for

change at full throttle. The next venture on his horizon may prove to be the most rewarding one yet.

"We are looking at prevention of the high prevalence of diabetes in Aboriginal communities," says Zaytsev. "But the Aboriginal community project is still only an idea."

The key ingredients for change are dreams and motivation – two qualities Zaytsev has in abundance.

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Theron settles suit over watch

PEOPLE Charlize Theron has settled a \$20-million US lawsuit with the luxury watchmaker that accused her of breach of contract, imdb.com reports.

Bosses at Swiss company Raymond Weil claimed they paid Theron the sum to wear its watches exclusively between October 2005 and December 2006.

According to court documents, Theron broke their agreement when she "was photographed wearing a watch from the Christian Dior line" in Texas in 2006.

Dark Knight death ruled accidental

PROBE The death of a stunt technician on the set of the latest Batman film was an accident, BBC News Online reports a jury as having decided.

Conway Wickliffe was leaning out of a car while operating a camera when the vehicle failed to negotiate a bend and hit a tree, an inquest heard.

The 41-year-old died last year at the QinetiQ site in Surrey, England, during filming of The Dark Knight.

Carson's lawyer spills in new book

TV Talk-show legend Johnny Carson has been laid bare by his longtime lawyer in a new tell-all book, dubbing him a "great star" but a "miserable human being," imdb.com reports.

Henry Bushkin spills details of the former Tonight Show host's alleged extramarital affairs, struggle with depression and family turmoil in the new tome, reports the New York Post.

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Appeal of a super spy

Men from all walks of life identify with James Bond character

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada



I was shooting a wedding when I saw him — the 10-year-old nephew of the bride, strutting and preening in his first rented tuxedo. He was going through a James Bond phase, his father and uncles explained, both amused and a little proud, no doubt remembering the first time they had let themselves become obsessed with Ian Fleming's secret agent.

For several weeks now, I've been researching a Becoming James Bond series for Metro, and without exception, every man I've spoken to along the way, from luxury car salesmen to caviar importers to haberdashers to wine and spirits experts, has proved to be a James Bond expert in their own right, able to quote lines from the books and scenes from the movies with obvious familiarity.

Few men are as willing to take their Bond obsession as far as Michael Newitt, a 41-year-old who was arrested in England last month for posing as a secret agent to keep ahead of creditors. According to a story in the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper, Newitt had fooled several local police officers and even his own wife with his story of being "a special operations commander with MI5, the Foreign Office and counter-terrorism



Daniel Craig, left, and Gemma Arterton in a scene from the new James Bond film, Quantum of Solace.

units," and would sleep with a replica gun beside his bed and suddenly disappear on "missions."

He'd even awarded himself the rank of commander, and had obtained impressive fake I.D. that gave him the title CMG — "a high-ranking award fictitiously presented to James Bond in the story From Russia with Love."

The magic of Bond is that his appeal is multi-fold, and changes to suit every stage of a man's life. For the pre-teen boy, Bond

is a more plausible superhero for a time when men in capes and tights are starting to seem a bit ludicrous, even undignified. For the teenager, he's enviably adult without being dull, suggesting a possibility of life without tedious routine.

For the man in his 20s, all too aware of how routine and responsibility are closing in on him, Bond is a rebel who gets applauded for breaking the rules, enjoying the perquisites of adulthood — risk, reward,

luxury and apparently guiltless sex— without obligations to prudence or fidelity.

For men in their 30s and 40s, he's the consummate professional, esteemed and disciplined, with an apparently perpetual free pass exempting him from midlife crisis. Finally, for older men, Bond is a reminder of a time when they could draw from both youth and experience, a totem of virility that gets renewed every few years onscreen by a new man

clearly in his prime.

Women would probably do well to watch a few Bond films when getting to know a man, if only to give them something to talk about.

And while most men aren't as delusional as "Commander" Newitt, they'd like to imagine that they are, somewhere, half as capable and suave as Bond.

If women are as nurturing as we presume, they'll let us cling to this lonely, forlorn hope.

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Tim Allen in legal trouble

Actor Tim Allen is facing legal action over his 2007 movie Wild Hogs. A Florida-based production company is accusing him of stealing their idea. [IMDB.COM](#)



Mac brings warmth to sequel

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



When moviegoers check out the animated sequel Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, they will not only be reuniting with the beloved quartet of lost zoo animals, they will meet Alex the lion's long lost father and be treated to a special vocal performance by one of comedy's most gifted craftsmen.

"It was very difficult casting the character of Alex's father because we knew that the character would be judgmental and have high expectations, and we didn't want to do the Great Santini," explained co-director Tom McGrath during a recent interview in Los Angeles.

"We needed someone who would bring the warmth to it."

McGrath and company looked no farther than Bernie Mac — the acclaimed comic actor who sadly passed away from pneumonia in August at age 50.

This Friday, the late actor



Bernie Mac, who died at the age of 50 from pneumonia in August, stars in Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, which opens Friday.

will be honoured with two theatrical releases — the other being Soul Men with Samuel L. Jackson.

"The greatest part of that loss is that you had a person that was just honest and he walked the walk and talked the talk," says Madagascar co-star Cedric the Entertainer, who describes Mac as his "comic mentor."

"He was funny and great at doing it, so that's going to be the biggest loss right there."

"I knew Bernie Mac twenty years," adds Chris Rock, who met his Madagascar co-

star while struggling as a young comedian.

Having begun his career telling jokes for change in the Chicago subway, Mac eventually hosted his own respected weekly comedy show at the Regal Theatre.

"He was always the ambassador of Chicago, like the best guy. It's sad that he's not here (doing interviews) today; it's just sad because he'd be the funniest guy here," said Rock.

Indeed, Mac is one of the most hilarious aspects of the new Madagascar comedy. But he also provides a

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Madagascar co-star Cedric the Entertainer

surprisingly touching vocal performance, one that perhaps exemplifies the man's true spirit of life.

Sherri Shepherd, who voices Mac's lioness wife in the movie, might best sum up Mac's personal legacy.

She recalls a wildly funny man with a consideration beyond expectation.

Having previously worked with him, she remembers Mac voluntarily spending an hour entertaining bored extras at 3 a.m. on the set of his 2005 film Guess Who?

"That is the Bernie Mac that I remember, and I was so honoured to have worked with him," she said.

Singers star at Holt's unveiling

HOLIDAY WINDOWS Singers Macy Gray and Patti LaBelle will help start the holiday season at Holt Renfrew's 4th annual holiday windows unveiling today at 6:30 p.m. at the store's Bloor Street West location.

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A Los Angeles judge has issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Emily Leatherman, the woman who last month pleaded no contest to stalking actor John Cusack after she allegedly violated a protection order. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



Journey to the Center of the Earth.

top DVDs

• The most popular DVDs according to Rogers Video for the period ending Nov. 2.

Rentals

1. Journey to the Center of the Earth
2. The Incredible Hulk
3. The Strangers
4. The Happening
5. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
6. Houdini's Death Defying Acts
7. You Don't Mess With the Zohan
8. Iron Man
9. War Inc.
10. Forgetting Sarah Marshall

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A fashion-forward election?

The best and worst style moments of the U.S. presidential race

KENYA HUNT
for Metro World News



While the world of politics is hardly known for forward fashion, the American election has sparked more sartorial debate than most. We take a look back at and rate some of the more fashionably charged moments of the U.S. presidential race. (Style meter: On a scale, 0 = fashion reject 5 = sartorial whiz).

Designers unite under one party

Influence: 3
Appearance: 5
Cool factor: 5

The election elicited unprecedented voter turnout. The race elicited an unprecedented show of support from the fashion world. Whether it was Vogue editor Andre Leon

Talley campaigning for Barack Obama in Chicago, model Jacquetta Wheeler canvassing for the Democrat in Pennsylvania, or Cynthia Rowley and Charlotte Ronson hosting a fundraiser in New York, the blue candidate had no shortage of support from the fashion industry. Recognizing the beginning of a trend, Team Obama established "Runway to Change," a fundraising program in which designers



Singer Alicia Keys shows her Obama support with a fitted tee.

such as Vera Wang, Derek Lam, Marc Jacobs and Diane von Furstenberg and celebrities such as Pharrell Williams, Jay-Z and Beyoncé Knowles created graphic T-shirts, handbags and other accessories.

J. Crew becomes the credit crunch go-to

Influence: 5
Appearance: 3
Cool factor: 4

Michelle Obama exercised an Oprah Winfrey-like influence over American housewives when she revealed to Jay Leno that she was wearing J. Crew during her appearance on his late-night show. "You can get some good stuff online," she said days after news of Palin's wardrobe-gate surfaced. J. Crew's online traffic increased a whopping 464 per cent as shoppers searched for the \$90 cardigan, \$100 tank and \$148

skirt. Google even created a special ad linking Internet surfers to "Michelle Obama's Tonight Show skirt."

Eye-glass mania

Influence: 5
Appearance: 4
Cool factor: 3

Eyewear was already having a comeback in indie land, popping up on scruffy-faced, American Apparel-clad hipsters. But Sarah Palin made eyeglasses cool to the mainstream public. After John McCain's camp introduced the Alaska governor as his running mate, her rimless Kazuo Kawasaki frames became the pres-

idential race's biggest fashion statement (to date). Eyeglass sales at optical retailers went through the roof. And the American network ABC News declared the accessory the new pantsuit.

Expensive wardrobe-gate

Influence: 5
Appearance: 1
Cool factor: 0

When the website Politico.com revealed that the Republican National Committee spent \$150,000 US of taxpayer money at luxury emporiums such as Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue for Palin's campaign wardrobe, the world balked.



Gov. Sarah Palin helped eye-glasses make a comeback.



The Canadian delegation at the Games of La Francophonie is made up of three distinct teams: Canada, Canada-Quebec and Canada-New Brunswick. Professional artists under 35 years of age as of September 27, 2009, have a Canadian citizenship and are interested in representing **Team Canada** in the cultural competitions, should register now.

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Jones to guest star on *Two and a Half Men*

Actor James Earl Jones will reportedly be dropping in on the sitcom *Two and a Half Men* to play a clergyman. TVGUIDE.COM

Coupland's monument on War of 1812 unveiled

Vancouver-based artist and author Douglas Coupland hopes his new military monument will help stop what he calls a "creeping revisionism" of the War of 1812.

"I've grown up and a lot of people have grown up thinking, 'Oh, Americans lost that one didn't they?'" Coupland said Monday after unveiling the "Monument to the War of 1812" outside a condominium near Fort York in Toronto.

"But once I began getting involved in the project and doing research, I began noticing that the Americans are now starting to change history and they're saying, 'Well, actually, we won that,' or, 'Actually, we didn't lose.'"

"So it's a war monument but it's also an incitement for people to remember what's going on in the present as well as the past."

Commissioned by condo developer Malibu Investments Inc. and approved by the city, the four-me-

"I wanted to create something that was just a quick haiku moment for people driving by or walking by to think about the War of 1812."

Douglas Coupland

tre-high sculpture comprises two soldiers — one standing and one fallen.

The standing soldier is painted gold and depicts a member of the 1813 Royal Newfoundland Regiment. The other is painted silver and depicts an American soldier from the 16th U.S. Infantry Regiment.

The monument is meant to be a scene from April 27, 1813, when U.S. troops overran Fort York, burned it and then left.

"I wanted to create something that was just a quick haiku moment for people driving by or walking by to think about the War of 1812," said Coupland, whose bestselling novels include *Generation X* and *JPod*.

Coupland designed the

monument using a 3-D model in Vancouver.

Calgary-based Heavy Industries, which makes dinosaurs for theme parks, constructed the piece with materials including steel armature, plastic moulding and foam, said Karen Mills, president of the firm Public Art Management.

The monument — estimated by Mills to have cost \$500,000 — arrived from Calgary on an open flatbed truck and was erected with a crane.

Former governor general Adrienne Clarkson was at the unveiling, as well as members of the Fort York Honour Guard and the Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada.

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Blockbuster Video's top game rentals by platform

- Playstation 3: 1. Fallout 3; 2. Far Cry 2; 3. Saints Row 2; 4. Dead Space.
- Playstation 2: 1. Guitar Hero: World Tour; 2. Star Wars: The Force Unleashed; 3. LEGO Batman; 4. Spider-Man: Web of Shadows.
- Wii: 1. Wii Music; 2. Star Wars: The Force Unleashed; 3. NHL 2K9; 4. Guitar Hero: World Tour.
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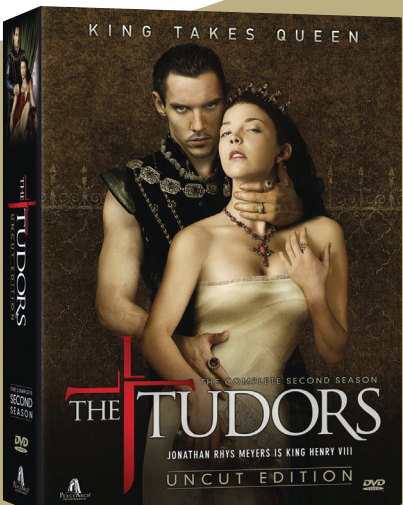
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New U2 album very innovative: Lanois

If you ask Canadian record producer Daniel Lanois about how U2's work-in-progress album sounds, he'll say it's "fantastically innovative" and "some of their best work."

Lanois has several albums and dozens of production credits to his name, and has worked with some of the biggest acts in music, including Bob Dylan, Peter Dinklage and Emmylou Harris.

He helped mould some of U2's classic albums by co-producing *The Unforgettable Fire*, *The Joshua Tree* and *Achtung Baby*. He also co-produced *All That You Can't Leave Behind* and one song off *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*.

A short video clip recently posted on U2.com shows a quiet moment in the studio with Lanois and the band. Lanois said the snapshot of the recording process could have been one of "thousands of exasperated moments" they've experienced, though the

"In the spirit of the moment, in the home stretch, people often come up with their best work."

Daniel Lanois on U2's penchant for making last-minute changes to their recordings

album is now getting "very close" to completion.

But because the band has been known to make significant changes to compositions at the final stages of recording, Lanois said he has no idea when the album will really be done.

"In the spirit of the moment, in the home stretch, people often come up with their best work," Lanois said, though he thinks the album already sounds amazing.

Lanois said he doesn't have a wish list of dream projects in terms of producing other artists and is currently relishing the chance to work on his own music whenever he can.

The outlet for the work that comes out of his Toronto "laboratory" is his

own label, Red Floor Records, which he started about 10 months ago so he could share music with the world without having to deal with the corporate bureaucracy of record labels.

Case in point: Lanois plans to release three of his own instrumental CDs in a few weeks through his website and another three next year, which almost certainly would have been impossible to do through conventional channels.

"It's a beautiful, very touching body of work, but it's not something I would want to burden the major record companies with," he said. "But it's fine for me because I can put it up ... and still release what I regard to be some great work."

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Pooh picture nabs \$57,000 at auction

SALE Tiggers might not like honey, but collectors apparently do.

A sketch by Winnie the Pooh illustrator E.H. Shepherd entitled *Tiggers Don't Like Honey* fetched 31,200 pounds, or more than \$57,000 Cdn, at auction yesterday, well above the pre-sale estimate of 15,000 to 20,000 pounds.

The drawing of Pooh dipping his paw into a honey pot while Tigger and Piglet look on is an enlarged version of an illustration that appeared in A.A. Milne's *The House at Pooh Corner*.

Bonham's auction house said Shepard's sketch likely predates the publication of *The House at Pooh Corner* in 1928.

Bonham's said it was bought by a private German collector who bid by telephone.

The sale also included items from the collection of Peter Rabbit creator Beatrix Potter, including a first edition of *The Tailor of Gloucester*, which tells the story of a poor tailor.

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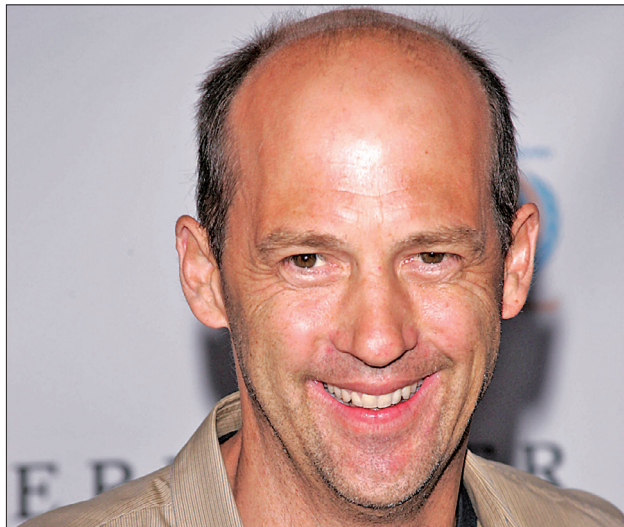
Anthony Edwards says it's easy being Greene.

The actor, who left ER six years ago, said in a telephone news conference Monday that he had no problem getting back into the swing of things while reprising his role as Dr. Mark Greene for the Nov. 13 episode of the NBC medical drama.

Said Edwards: "It was really like going back to high school, in the best way. It was like going back to your favourite class and having your favourite teacher ... After about a half an hour, I really felt like I'd never left."

Dr. Greene, who died of a brain tumour at the end of the 2002 season, appears in flashback scenes with former County General doctors Kerry Weaver and Robert Romano (portrayed by Laura Innes and Paul McCrane, respectively).

He also has an encounter with series newcomer Dr. Cate Banfield (Angela Bas-



Actor Anthony Edwards

sett), an attending physician at the hospital, after she brings in her sick son.

The flashbacks are interwoven with a present-day story line that shows Banfield helping in the rescue of a young girl who falls into a lake.

Discussing the character's passion for medicine, Edwards said: "When you

get on an airplane, you hope that the pilot really loves flying -- I think that's what Greene had. You do want to go to a hospital and have a good doctor who loves being a doctor there."

Edwards' appearance comes in the 15th and final season of ER.

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THE FIRE RAISERS By Max Frisch, presented by Theatre @ York; runs to Nov. 8 (\$15/\$10 at 416-736-5888). Joseph G. Green Studio Theatre, Centre for Film and Theatre, York University, 4700 Keele St.

FROST/NIXON Peter Morgan's political piece that brings disgraced U.S. president Richard M. Nixon and TV talk-show host

David Frost to life, dramatizes events leading up to and including the notorious televised interviews that Nixon granted. The Canadian Stage Company/The Playhouse co-production runs to Nov. 8 (\$20 & up at 416-368-3110). CanStage Bluma Theatre, 27 Front St. E.

INNA DI WARDROBE By Deirdre "D-Lishus" Walton is about a young Jamaican-Canadian woman who comes out to her family as a lesbian. The show also features an opening performance from spoken word artist/dub poet D'bi.Young Anitafrika. Runs to Nov. 8 (\$15 at door). Palmerston Theatre, 560 Palmerston Ave.

KINDERTRANSPORT Based on first-hand accounts from unaccompanied Jewish children who escaped from

Germany in the final months of WWII, is Diane Samuel's work about one young girl's separation from her family and subsequent search for identity. The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company production runs today to Nov. 23 (\$32-\$52 at 416-366-7723). Al Green Theatre, Miles Nadal JCC, 750 Spadina Ave.

NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA Opens the new season with the company premiere of Twyla Tharp's In the Upper Room, presented with George Balanchine's classic ballet Symphony in C and Polyphonia from Christopher Wheeldon. The mixed program runs Wed. to Nov. 9 (\$20-\$200 at 416-345-9595). Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen St. W.

SOULLESS By Aaron Bushkowsky uses dark humour to look at the harsh

realities of urban gentrification in a world already separated by materialism, self-centredness and apathy toward fellow humans. The 505 Productions Equity Co-op show runs today to Nov. 23 (PWYC-\$20 at 416-504-9971). Factory Studio Theatre, 125 Bathurst St.

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Elegantly simple success

SIMPLE SIMON: No one apparently finds Simon Cowell as fascinating as Simon Cowell, but a close second would be his fellow Brits, who regularly publish long, lavishly-illustrated interviews such as the one that ran this weekend in the UK Daily Mail tabloid.

On this side of the Atlantic he's famous, and gets the recommended quota of press due to anyone truly successful, but he isn't taken nearly as seriously, probably because he's a) apparently just some guy who tells people they suck on a singing contest, or at least that's what he looks like to most Canadians and Americans, and b) English, and therefore over here just to give us an example of how to be really blunt, even rude, but still sound remarkably erudite in the process (see Ramsay, Gordon; Osbourne, Sharon; Morgan, Piers.)

(And yes, I'm trying my level best not to say anything about the U.S. presidential election, writing this as I am on the day the country is going to the polls. I've had enough, and would love to avoid the topic for as long as the candidates have been on the campaign trail, which seems like a couple of years by now.)

"On the surface, it's very hard to take the man seriously," the Mail writes, doing their best to mimic bewilderment. "Like a latter-day Peter Stringfellow or Tony Curtis, he happily admits he never went to university, prefers the tabloids to the broadsheets and would rather have a night out with a Page Three girl than a media dinner at The Ivy."

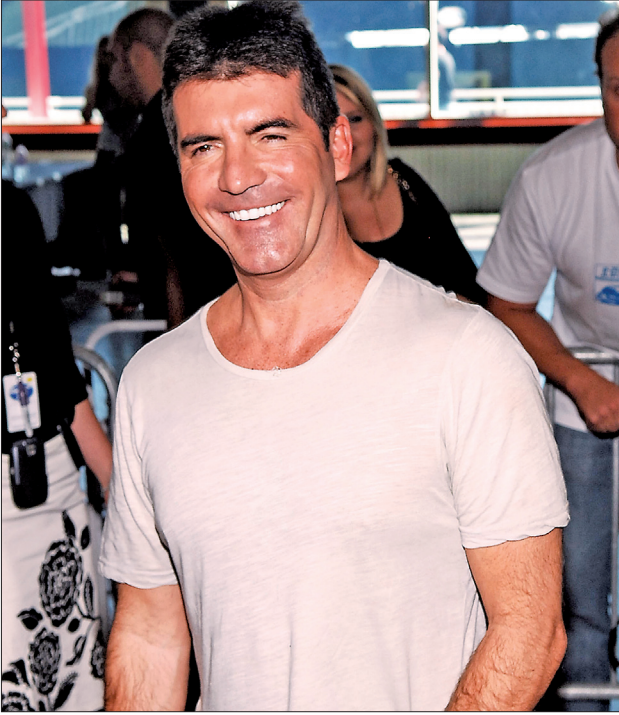
Translated from British to English, that means he's a common sort of man, and a lightweight by the standards of the journalistic elite, but that probably accounts for why Cowell, a

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character of no real pronounced tastes except for flash cars, has become rich anticipating the tastes of the broadest number of people, and not the smallest, despite their risible claims to tastemaker status. He's made his fortune twice over in music, but never listens to it in his spare time. "I wish I could have signed the Beatles," he told the Mail, "but not for the music. I wish I'd signed them for the royalties."

Friend and boy band manager Louis Walsh despairs that Cowell has never turned on the fully-loaded iPod he bought him as a present, but I'd venture that taste and enthusiasm would be a liability when you're trying to mine and manufacture the



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sort of music that more than half the population will not only tolerate but purchase.

You can't argue with success, but in Cowell's case, you can pretend to be con-

founded by it, in spite of the elegantly simple logic that made it possible.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Hindu scholars upset with Klum's Halloween costume

PEOPLE Heidi Klum has upset America's leading Hindus by dressing up as Goddess Kali for a Halloween party over the weekend, imdb.com reports.

What may have seemed like a little fun for the supermodel has upset Hindu scholars, who feel Klum should make a public apology for posing as a sacred figure.

"Goddess Kali is highly revered in Hinduism and she is meant to be worshipped in temples and not to be used in clubs for publicity stunts or thrown around loosely for dramatic effects," Indo-American statesman Rajan Zed says.



Heidi Klum

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Little Mosque on the Prairie

They want him to do what? In this new episode, Yasir (Carlo Rota) is interested in making some more business contacts, so he joins a local men's lodge. Unfortunately for him, these guys have some interests he doesn't share, and he's expected to participate. Up first is a hunting trip — so not his thing. Sheila McCarthy and Sitara Hewitt also star in "Let Prairie Dogs Lie." 8 PM on CBC



Dead at 17

Nope, this isn't a sequel to the earlier TV movies "Fifteen and Pregnant" and "Mom at 16." A night of teen partying goes horribly wrong when a girl dies accidentally. Panicked, the other kids hide the body and vow to keep the secret. But there's one guy they don't trust to keep his mouth shut, so they shut it for him. Permanently, if you get our drift. Barbara Niven ("Pensacola: Wings of Gold") stars in this 2008 drama. 7:25 PM on M1

In brief

TELEVISION A new Canadian-U.S. TV series is set to explore the farthest reaches of the universe. Defying Gravity will follow the trials of eight astronauts on a mysterious six-year, international space mission. The hour-long series is a co-venture between CTV and Fox Television Studios in the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Celebrity Buzz

Winslet shoots down airbrushing rumour

IMAGE Actress Kate Winslet has denied she resorted to airbrushing to sweep away excess pounds for a sexy new photoshoot, imdb.com reports.

Winslet posed for a Catherine Deneuve-inspired shoot for Vanity Fair magazine on a couch, wearing nothing but stockings, high heels and a fur throw.

Winslet's figure has drawn accusations that the pictures were digitally altered to remove her famous curves. But a spokesman for the star is adamant that the photos are genuine, attributing

Winslet's new look to her healthy regime.

"There's been absolutely no airbrushing at all. All she has had is the standard retouching they do on any photoshoot, adjusting skin tone and so on. I know she is thrilled with the photos. She's in very good shape at the moment," the representative tells British newspaper the Independent.

Winslet slammed editors at British GQ magazine in 2003 for airbrushing her figure, accusing them of making her look like she was "six feet tall and a size 2."

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Carrie soothes Simpson's fears

RELATIONSHIPS Carrie Underwood has a message for fellow singer Jessica Simpson: She and ex Tony Romo have not spoken in months, People.com reports.

"I haven't talked to him since, like, May," Underwood, 25, tells Elle in its December issue.

"It was just something that was said in passing," the country singer says, referring to an interview in which she said Romo still called her. "I would never mean to say anything to hurt any-

body or to stir up anything because I'm just not about drama — at all."

As for reports that Simpson was upset by the claims, Underwood says, "I might be mad too if somebody said my boyfriend was calling some other girl. So I can definitely see where (she) would be coming from."

Asked about her current dating life, Underwood emphatically shot down rumours that she dated Olympian Michael Phelps.

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celebrity brief

Jada fought for her hippo's life

ROLE Actress Jada Pinkett Smith only agreed to voice a hippo in the new Madagascar movie when filmmakers reportedly promised her character wouldn't die, imdb.com reports. Pinkett Smith insists animated films starring animals too often end grimly. But she leaped at the chance to play seductive hippo Gloria in Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa when she found out she wouldn't be killed off before the credits rolled.

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Joe's take on celebrities

There's good news if your doctor has told you to get more eyeball exercise. That vast repository of lies and Botox, **Nicole Kidman**, continues to challenge **Angelina Jolie** as the celebrity most likely to say things that make them roll. In fact, there is a rumour in Hollywood that every time someone tells a lie, **Nicole Kidman** gets a royalty.

Kidman says she was expecting childbirth to be a 40-hour ordeal, or roughly half the length of what The Golden Compass felt like to watch, but since she had her hubby, the ironically named country singer **Keith Urban**, as her 'rock,' and since he has a magical ability to endow her with strength using only his eyes, it was nothing.

Given that **Kidman** was once married to **Tom Cruise**, I don't question her ability to gauge pain, but where this story falls down for me is the idea that she would even consider enduring pain greater than that entailed in an eyebrow tweeze, unless there was an Oscar nomination in it for her.

The truth is probably that the child was born by C-section while **Nicole** was under full anesthetic, lying on a bed of liquid honey.

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Victoria snubs Mel B's invite

VOWS Victoria Beckham has reportedly snubbed an invitation to fellow former Spice Girl Mel Brown's wedding, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Brown is renewing her vows with her film producer husband Stephen Belafonte in a ceremony in Egypt this week.

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celebrity brief

Men use me for fame, Paris says

RELATIONSHIPS "Every other guy I've been out with has used me for money or sex — but in most cases they just want fame. It made it hard to trust people." That's Paris Hilton, talking to Britain's News of the World as she promotes the U.K. version of her BFF series, MSN Entertainment reports.

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Ex may want Jen back

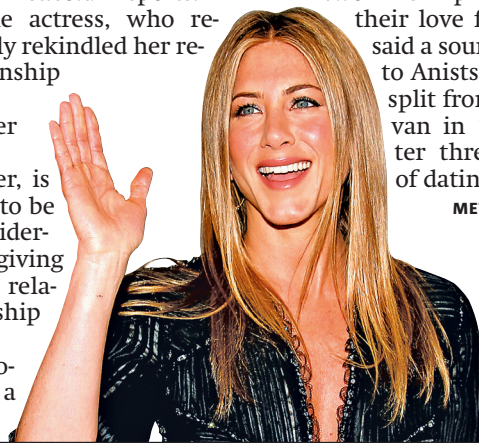
RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston's ex-fiance Tate Donovan has been phoning the actress to tell her she was the "love of his life," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently rekindled her relationship with singer John Mayer, is said to be considering giving her relationship with Donovan a

second chance.

"Jennifer cannot believe it. A few months ago she was single and heartbroken, and now she has got two men professing their love for her," said a source close to Aniston, who split from Donovan in 1995 after three years of dating.

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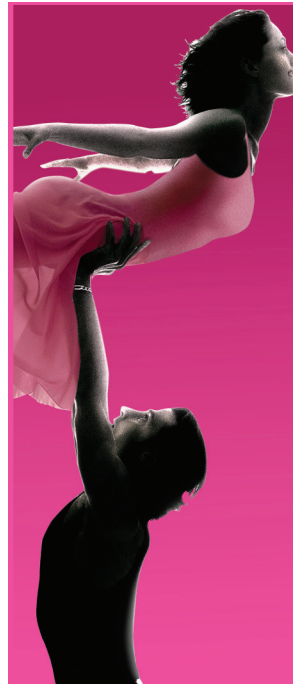
celebrity brief

Kidman says birth was actually easy

FAMILY Actress Nicole Kidman was terrified of giving birth to her daughter Sunday, but was pleasantly surprised to find the experience "easy," imdb.com reports.

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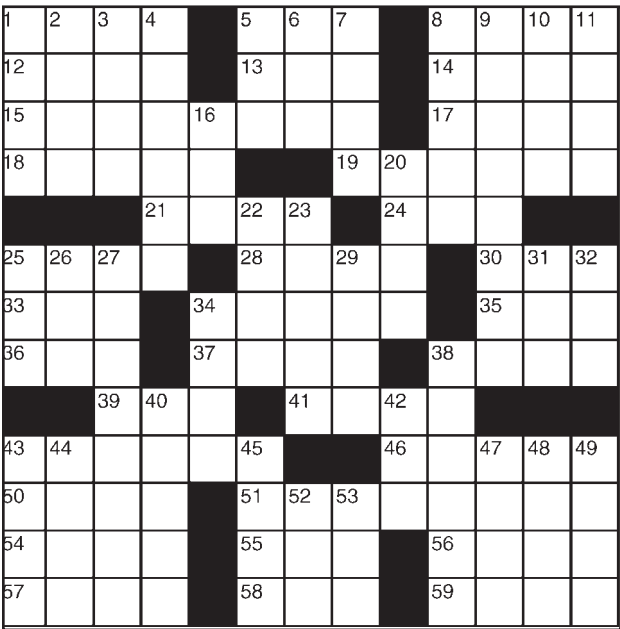
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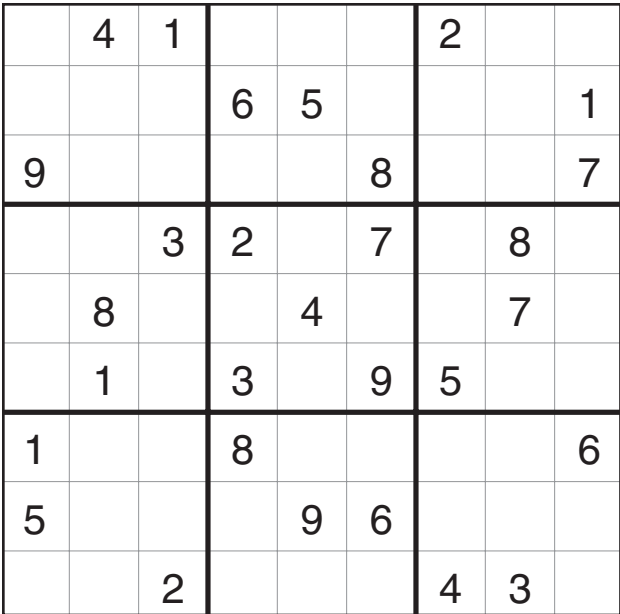
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Crossword across

- 1 Lysol target

5 Rage

8 Dreary

12 Finished

13 Rotation duration

14 Mature

15 Steer

17 Small bit

18 Martini garnish

19 Perceive intuitively

21 Grounded flock

24 Cribbage scorer

25 Related

28 Droops

30 Tray contents

33 Neither partner

34 Dessert there's "always
- room for"

35 Ball prop

36 Melody

37 Gaelic

38 Smile broadly

39 Hockey surface

41 Initial chip

43 "African Queen" star

46 Nixon's veep

50 Verve

51 Bind legally

54 Baptism, e.g.

55 Halloween call

56 Hebrew month

57 Leaves

58 Deviate off course

59 Assessment

Crossword down

- 1 "Kissing disease"

2 Ellipse

3 Jeans-maker Strauss

4 Compelled

5 Mrs. McKinley

6 Snitch

7 Ogled

8 Somber

9 Battle in court

10 "Once — atime ..."

11 Fast-spreading concept

16 Jewel

20 Facto preceder

22 Addict

23 Tortilla topping

25 Literary collection

26 Japanese pond carp

27 Water
- 29 Secluded valley

31 Vast expanse

32 Height of fashion

34 Scoff (at)

38 Panhandler

40 Some Christmas candy

42 Skater Babilonia

43 Titanic's downfall

44 Hodgepodge

45 Sir — Belch, of "Twelfth Night"

47 Zilch, south of the border

48 Coup d'—

49 Existed

52 Feathery neckwear

53 Depressed

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



- SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

Under 13 min Genius

13-17 min.....Scholar
- 17-21 min Smart

21-25 min Not bad

25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day



Penne with sugar snaps and smoked salmon

- INGREDIENTS:**

12 oz (375 g) penne or ziti pas-ta

1 lb (500 g) sugar snap peas, strings removed

1/3 cup (75 mL) snipped fresh dill

3 scallions, thinly sliced

3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken broth

3 tbsp (45 mL) reduced-fat sour cream

1 tbsp (15 mL) unsalted butter

1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest

2 tbsp (25 mL) lemon juice

1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt

4 oz (125 g) smoked salmon, slivered
- METHOD:**

1. In large pot of boiling water, cook pasta according to pack-age directions until firm-ten-der. Add sugar snaps to water
- during final 1 minute of cook-ing; drain.

2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine dill, scallions, broth, sour cream, butter, lemon zest, lemon juice and salt. Add hot pasta and sugar snaps, tossing well. Add smoked salmon and toss again.
- PER SERVING:**

450 calories, 7 g fat, 4 g satu-rated fat, 850 mg sodium, 75 g carbohydrate, 21 g protein.
- SERVES 4**



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

- ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

See a specialist if a head prob-lem persists. Your closest friend knows your deepest feelings. Expect a surprising change in-volving social plans.
- LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23

You may not appreciate a peak experience. Someone is secre-tly in financial trouble. Use your ability to lead others to greater clarity.
- TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Food bills are getting out of hand. Demand that paperwork be shown to authority figures. A trusted friend decides to let work wait.
- SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22

Anxiety will affect your love life. A reward seems beyond your reach. Try not to confront a wild and crazy guy.
- GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Sabotage is commented upon. A disheartening discussion causes a critical washout. An acquaintance reconciles unre-lenting combatants.
- SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21

Harsh things will be said about a superior person. Love takes you on a wild ride. A youth will continue to baffle a sceptic.
- CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Someone starts a family quar-rel. A secret note will overcome someone's pride. A reality check creates a tripping haz-ard.
- CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20

There's good and bad news in legal matters. An ambitious co-worker should be taken seri-ously. Don't get caught helping a cruel person.
- LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23

A moody person will cause you to refuse to take sides. Roman-tic risks will increase late at night. A woman gets back to work.
- AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18

Premonitions continue throughout day. A friend wants to play with you. A man will have an earth-shaking dream.
- VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22

Avoid meddling by breathing deeply. Back away from over-whelming emotions. You'll want to withdraw after a zesty encounter.
- PISCES**
FEB 19-MARCH 20

Indecision fades when you heed sound advice. A higher level of consciousness is found. Playing by the rules eliminates confusion.

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1. "Hold your horses, Aussie chum!" (1)

2. Escargot path (1)

3. Untidy Olympian Owens (2)

4. Oscar-winning Hilary's army levels (1)

5. Toast spread severer (2)

6. O-ring holder, as for Easter eggs (2)

7. Firmly fixed and stable big beer mug (2)

ANSWERS

1. WAIT MATE 2. SNAIL TRAIL 3. MESSY JESSE 4. SWANKS BARKS 5. BUTTER CUTTER 6. BASKET BASKET 7. ANCHORED TANKARD

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